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EDUCATION:

University of North Carolina School of Law
Van Hecke-Wettach Building
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

J.D. with honors in 1984; Staff member of North Carolina Law Review 1983 to 1984;
Order of the Coif awards for family law (A+) and legal research and writing.

University of North Carolina
School of Education
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Masters course work in education, 1975

East Carolina University
Greenville, North Carolina
B.S. in education, 1975

EMPLOYMENT:

Senior Lecturing Fellow
Duke Law School
Box 90360
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July 1, 2000 to present:

Courses taught include Legal Analysis, Research and Writing for first year law students
and Legal Writing in Civil Practice for upper-level students.

General civil law practice:

December 1, 1996 to present.

Civil dispute resolution practice including mediation, arbitration, and trial advocacy in
the areas of personal injury, medical negligence, workers compensation, construction
(commercial and residential), and real property. Juvenile court advocacy as guardian ad
litem and attorney for parents and children. Admitted to practice before all North
Carolina courts, United States District Courts for all North Carolina districts, United
States Court of the Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and United States Supreme Court.
Member of N.C. State Bar, 15-B Judicial District Bar, Orange County Bar
(secretary-treasurer 1995; vice president 1996), and Women Attorneys of Orange County.

Northern Blue LLP

P.O. Box 2208

Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27516

(919) 968-4441

December 1, 1991 to November 30, 1996: Partner

November 1, 1987 to December 1, 1991: Associate Attorney

General civil litigation practice with emphasis on personal injury, medical negligence, construction and property disputes.

Moore & Van Allen LLP (formerly Powe, Porter & Alphin)

Durham, North Carolina

August 1984 to November 1987: Associate Attorney

General civil litigation practice with emphasis on medical negligence defense.

School of Government (formerly Institute of Government)

Knapp Building

Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Summer law clerk in 1983.

Supervised by Michael Smith (currently School of Government dean) with emphasis on legal research and writing educational publications for law enforcement.

Alexander, Miller & Schupp (formerly Alexander & McCormick)

Attorneys at Law

1526 E. Franklin St.

Chapel Hill, North Carolina

1979 to 1981: Paralegal for real estate and civil litigation

Summer 1982: Law clerk

Northwestern Bank (now First Union)

E. Franklin Street

Chapel Hill, North Carolina

1976 to 1979: Customer service, teller, bookkeeper.

PRESENTATIONS:

2003 panel participant as attorney for parents at Termination of Parental Rights Training sponsored by NC GAL Program and Office of Indigent Services

North Carolina/South Carolina Law School Writing Programs Colloquium

2003 Duke University

Presentation: "Fun Can Be Motivating"

NC/SC Colloquium

2005 Campbell University

Presentation: "Bluebook Bingo"

NC/SC Colloquium
2008 University of South Carolina
Presentation: "Avoiding Ground Hog Day"

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Adjunct professor at University of North Carolina School of Law in legal research and writing program for first year law students, 1987 to 1988.

Arbitrator for 15-B Judicial District for mandatory district court arbitrations from 1990 to present.

Board of Adjustment, Town of Chapel Hill. Served two terms and participated in hearings on property issues.

Guest lecturer at Arkansas State University in "Gilded Age" advanced history course taught by Professor Sarah Wilkerson-Freeman and legal consultant to Professor Wilkerson-Freeman from 2007 to present.

Mediator certified by North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission from 1996 to present.

Member of 15-B Judicial District Fee Arbitration Committee from 1997 to present.

Member of the Juvenile Advisory Committee of the Orange-Chatham Justice Partnership from 2004 to 2008.

Volunteer/Attorney Mentor for Orange County Teen Court.