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Career Summary:

2008-present: Senior Adviser on Policy, The Cordoba Initiative. Focused on building strategic alliances to bridge the Muslim/West divide.

2008-2009: Senior Fellow, Duke University Nicholas School of the Environment and Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions.

1997-Present: Of Counsel (1997-1998 and 2009-) and Partner, Dewey & LeBoeuf (formerly LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, LLP). Resident in Washington D.C. office. Represent Fortune 500 corporations, municipal governments, non-profits and trade associations before federal agencies, Congress and the courts on a variety of environmental and energy matters. Practice includes lobbying Congress, drafting legislation and seeking appropriations on environmental, infrastructure, transportation, science, arts, housing and financial service issues. Extensive experience reconciling diverse stakeholder interests and negotiating settlements in nationally significant, complex cases. Interest in performing arts has led to engagements securing federal funding for Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra and Alvin Ailey Dance Foundation.

1993-1997: Associate and Partner (1996), Winston & Strawn, Washington D.C. Focused on municipal work, legislative advocacy and corporate strategic planning in the environmental field.

1991-1993: Attorney Advisor to the Assistant Administrator for Water, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Advised senior management, including the Administrator, on controversial issues and key policy and legislative Clean Water Act (CWA) developments. Chaired the EPA's CWA reauthorization efforts, coordinated Office of Water, EPA, and Interagency workgroups, and drafted and negotiated federal legislation with key Congressional staff and national interest groups.

1987-1991: Associate, Winston & Strawn.

Education and Qualifications:

Duke University School of Law, Juris Doctor, 1987.

Duke University, Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, 1984.

Received several academic awards; very active campus life including performing arts, intercollegiate rugby and Resident Advisor position; National Finalist, Luce Scholarship.

Admitted to Practice in numerous State and federal courts. Published and lectured regularly on environmental issues. Featured/interviewed for articles on professional and personal activities.

Personal:

Born 1962, Lexington Virginia. Formative years in Sydney Australia. Married with three teenage children. Extensive public advocacy work on gun control, homelessness, runaway youth and peacemaking. Performing singer and guitarist. Widely traveled, domestically and internationally.

Addendum:**Admitted to Practice:**

U.S. District Court for D.C., 2005.
D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, 1997.
U.S. Supreme Court, 1990.
Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1988.
District of Columbia, 1988.
North Carolina, 1987.

Publications:

Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington D.C. Religious Freedom in Dialogue Enewsletter, "Faith and Politics: An Uneasy Alliance, or an Unholy One?", October 2006.

Energy Committees Newsletter, Section of Environment, Energy and Resources, American Bar Association, "Federal Friction: The Collision Between Superfund and the Federal Power Act, or, If EPA Gives a Damn Will FERC Give Up a Dam?", co-author, August, 2006.

Featured in a special National Journal edition ("Washington Off the Clock") in an article called "Nourishing the Soul", June 16, 2006.

Legal career was featured in the Spring 2006 issue of the Duke University Law School Environmental Law Newsletter.

CCH Power and Telecom Law, "ECPA: A Look Back and a Look Forward", co-author, November/December 1999.

Handbook on the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, Published by the Water Environment Federation, co-editor, 1997.

Proceedings of Watershed '96: Moving Ahead Together, "Private Property Rights...Principles, Perceptions and Proposals", co-author, June 1996.

Water Pollution Law and Liability, "From Flammable to Fishable: the Story of Improving U.S. Water Quality", co-author, June 1992.

Public Service:

Member, President's Council, Common Cause (2008-)

Board Member, Clean Water America Alliance (2008-)

Advisory Board Chairman, "Love Thy Neighbor", promoting non-violence in Palestine (2008-)

Member, Friends of Interfaith Youth Core (2008-)

Steering Committee Member, 2007 "9/11 Unity Walk"

Winner of 2006 LeBoeuf, Lamb Pro Bono award (only Partner so recognized).

Planning Chair, American Law Institute-American Bar Association Clean Water Act Law and Regulation Conference (2005-2009)

Pro Bono Counsel for the National Network for Youth, an association that serves runaway and homeless youth programs nationally (2005-2008). Congressional advocacy for NN4Y was featured in the Network's Summer 2006 Newsletter.

Board and Assembly Member, Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington D.C. (2005-present) and Founding Chairman, Interfaith Center for Advancing Justice (2006-2008). Represent Protestant faith in leading organization that brings together the Baha'i, Hindu, Islamic, Jain, Jewish, Latter-day Saints, Protestant, Roman Catholic, Sikh and Zoroastrian faith communities in this region to promote dialogue, understanding and a sense of community among persons of different faiths and to work cooperatively for social and economic justice in metropolitan Washington.

Board Member, Coalition to Stop Gun Violence and Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence, (1999-present). Serve on Boards of sister organizations representing over 40 religious, professional, labor, medical, educational and civic organizations and 100,000 individual members nationwide, whose mission is to reduce gun violence through fostering effective community and national action.

Member, "Capitol Hill Advisors", kitchen cabinet of lobbyists advising Habitat for Humanity D.C. and National Offices on Congressional strategy (1997-present). Have helped secure over \$100 million in federal funding for construction of low-income housing.

Served on Executive Committee and/or founded three Democratic National Committee organizations that raised millions of dollars for Democratic candidates for President and Congress (1994-2002).

Member, City of Falls Church Recycling and Litter Prevention Council (1991-1993, Chairman 1998-2000). Council recognized in 1999 by Clinton Administration as best municipal recycling program in U.S.

Elder, Trinity Presbyterian Church (1988-present) Service has included nine years teaching, Chairman of four Committees, Chairman of three capital campaigns and trip Leader/Teacher of International Mission trips.

Law Firm Coordinator, Gifts for the Homeless Inc. (1988-1991).

Volunteer Lecturer, D.C. Bar Bill of Rights Program (1988).

Child Advocate, Durham, N.C. Superior Court (1986-1987).

Volunteer food preparer/server, So Others Might Eat and New Hope Housing shelters.

Other Activities:

Participated in a "Triologue" of Abrahamic Faith (Christian, Muslim and Jewish) leaders at the U.S. Institute for Peace, July 26-27, 2006.

Commissioned a Kentucky Colonel, December 19, 2005.

Captain/Coach competitive volleyball teams in Washington D.C. (1987-2005) and coached four seasons in Northern Virginia Soccer League (1999-2003).

Admitted into the Order of the Crown of Charlemagne, March 29, 1989.

Alumni Interviewer for Duke University (1988-present).

Duke Intercollegiate Rugby Team (1981-1984, Co-Captain, 1984).

Photography has been displayed in Australian Embassy and Kennedy Center.