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EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame Law School Notre Dame, IN
Juris Doctor, *Magna Cum Laude*, May 2002
Notre Dame Law Review (2000–2002)

Marquette University Milwaukee, WI
Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, *Summa Cum Laude*, May 1999

ADMITTED

State Bar of South Carolina, 2002 to present
District of South Carolina, 2002 to present

EXPERIENCE

University of South Carolina School of Law Columbia, SC
Legal Writing Instructor (August 2014 to present)
Adjunct Professor of Advanced Legal Writing (Spring 2013 & Spring 2014)

District of South Carolina, The Hon. Shiva V. Hodges Columbia, SC
Law Clerk to U.S. Magistrate Judge (January 2012–July 2014)

- Analyzed and prioritized work on all Social Security appeals
- Analyzed dispositive motions in employment litigation and other pro se matters
- Reviewed, analyzed, and revised initial review documents received from staff attorneys

Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP Columbia, SC
Litigation Associate/Of Counsel (September 2002–December 2011)

- Independently handled the defense of numerous clients in product liability and premises liability matters, with specialization in the areas of procurement law, food law, and product manual review and analysis
- Served as the primary associate on the longest-running trial in South Carolina history, *Abbeville v. The State*
- Managed junior associates, paralegals, and other staff in research, writing, and discovery projects in major litigation, including overseeing the drafting of the *Abbeville* appellate briefing (over 400 pages)
- Managed local counsel in 13 states in pharmaceutical multi-district litigation

District of South Carolina, The Hon. Joseph F. Anderson, Jr. Columbia, SC
Law Clerk to U.S. District Judge (Summer 2006)

- Served as an interim law clerk researching and drafting orders in District Court matters

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Claude M. Scarborough Award for Pro Bono Service
- Koban of Columbia Outstanding Legal Service Award
- South Carolina Bar Young Lawyers Leadership Academy – Inaugural Class

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Panelist, *Recent Developments in Employment and Labor Law*, South Carolina Bar Association CLE (May 17, 2013)
- South Carolina Chapter, *Parental Negligence Doctrine: A State-by-State Compendium* (2011)
- South Carolina Chapter, *Product Liability Defenses: A State-by-State Compendium* (2007) (with John Kuppens)
- *Inside the Judge's Chambers: The Honorable Joseph F. Anderson, Jr.*, The Defense Line, SCDTAA (2006)

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Extensive involvement in the South Carolina Bar Young Lawyers Division (2002–2011), including as chair of the Membership Committee (2004–2007) and editor of the *South Carolina Young Lawyer* (2010–2011)
- Defense Research Institute Young Lawyers Committee – various chair and vice-chair positions held (2002–2011)
- Junior League of Columbia – various chair and vice-chair positions held (2006–2012)
- Board Member, KOBAN of Columbia (2005–2009)
- Service on the Nelson Mullins Associates Committee (2007) and Pro Bono Committee (2005–2006)