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Academic Background

Degrees

- J.D. Saint Louis University School of Law, St.Louis, Missouri, Law, 1997
- B.S. North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina, Political Science, 1992

Academic Experience

Adjunct Faculty, Horry Georgetown Technical College (2011 - Present). Adjunct Faculty teaching a variety of legal classes in numerous departments. Taught in the Department of Criminal Justice, Department of Hospitality, Department of Business, and the Division of Paralegal Studies.

Adjunct Instructor, Coastal Carolina University (August, 2007 - Present).

INTELLECTUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Professional Associations

Memberships

- South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 2010 - 2011
- Coastal Women's Law Society, 2004 - present
- International Association of Arson Investigators, 2004 - present
- Horry County Bar Association, 2003 - present
- South Carolina Bar, 2002 - present
- Illinois Bar, 1998 - present
- Missouri Bar, 1997 - present

Certifications

- Certificate in International and Comparative Law -- Saint Louis University, 1997

Teaching

Courses Taught

Courses from the Teaching Schedule: Legal Environment of Business

Courses taught, but not in the Schedule:

- HOS 265 Hospitality Law -- Horry Georgetown Technical College
- CRJ 236 Criminal Evidence -- Horry Georgetown Technical College
- BUS 121 Business Law -- Horry Georgetown Technical College
- LEG 201 Civil Litigation I -- Horry Georgetown Technical College

Other Teaching Activities

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2011 - Other Teaching Activities. Courtroom Testimony Course. (August 2004 - present). South Carolina and North Carolina Chapters of the International Association of Arson Investigators. Certification Course for Arson Investigators requiring students to demonstrate techniques and skills for testifying in courtroom situations.

2009 - Other Teaching Activities. Special Lecturer. S.C.O.R.E. Presenter. "Legal Issues: What Every Business Owner Should Know."

Non-Academic Experience

National

Specialist Counselor, Service Corps of Retired Executives (S.C.O.R.E.) (2009 - Present). Works with the U.S. Small Business Association assisting and counseling small businesses with legal matters.

Jury Trial Prosecutor, City of North Myrtle Beach (May, 2008 - May, 2009). Prosecuted all City of North Myrtle Beach criminal jury trials.

Owner, Sauls Law Firm, P.C. (October, 2007 - Present). Full service law office providing legal assistance in a variety of areas, including civil, criminal and real estate litigation, corporate formation, wills, and powers of attorney.

Attorney, Jeffcoat, Pike & Nappier, LLC (June, 2006 - December, 2006). Assisted in commercial real estate transactions, residential closings, civil litigation cases and assisted with probate matters.

Owner, KASCO Properties, LLC (August, 2005 - Present). Owner of investment real estate. Responsible for management of rental properties.

Assistant Solicitor, Horry County, South Carolina (January, 2003 - June, 2006). Prosecuted General Sessions level felonies and misdemeanors. Jury trials guilty pleas at all levels. Handled criminal caseload of up to 500 active cases.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Saint Louis County, Missouri (September, 1998 - October, 2001). Handled felony and misdemeanor cases from issuance to trial. Responsible for preliminary hearings, bench trials, plea bargains, and issuing warrants. First Chair jury trials at both felony and misdemeanor levels.

Attorney, The Lakin Law Firm, P.C. (March, 1996 - May, 1998). Filed personal injury and class action lawsuits in jurisdictions across the country. Second chaired jury trials at the State and Federal level. Argued pretrial motions, took depositions, and researched and assisted in writing appellate briefs.

Service:

Service to the Community

Member of a Committee

2010: Women's Power Lunch Series, Served on committee through the Conway Chamber of Commerce creating and designing a program of speakers to reach business women in the community to encourage and inspire them to make a difference and commit to excellence.

Other Community Service Activities

2009: S.C.O.R.E. Specialist Counselor, Volunteer to counsel small businesses. Work with SCORE counselors as well as the Small Business Administration to assist small businesses in various area of need.

2007: Murrells Inlet Community Theater, Served on Board of Directors, acted in plays, responsible for technical aspects of productions involving lights and sound.

2005: Middle School Mock Trial Teams, (2005 - present) Volunteer Attorney Coach, Volunteer Judge at the Regional Level

Faculty Development

Professional Seminars / Workshops

2011: South Carolina Bar, Columbia, South Carolina. Old Republic National Title Insurance Company Spring Seminar 2011. Topics included: Ethics, E-Recording, Marketing, Lawyers Helping Lawyers, Foreclosures, Claims and Underwriting..

2011: South Carolina Bar, Conway, South Carolina. 5th Annual Horry County Probate Court CLE. Topics included: Ethical considerations for fiduciaries for incapacitated persons, special needs trusts, update on the S.C. probate code, and fiduciary duties of conservators and guardians..

2011: South Carolina BarSouth Carolina Bar, Conway, South Carolina. Quest for a More Diverse Judiciary. Topics included: Judicial Independence, What a fair and Balanced Judiciary Looks Like, How South Carolina fits into the models presented..

2011: South Carolina BarSouth Carolina Bar, Conway, South Carolina. Family Court Seminar. Topics included: Appellate Court update, Settlement Agreements, Modification of Custody Actions, evidence uring trial, death of a client during litigation, Motions to Reconsider/Set Aside, Roles of Guardians, Effective Mediation Techniques, paternity and relocation issues..

2010: South Carolina Bar, Conway, South Carolina. 4th Annual Horry County Probate Court Continuing Legal Education Program. Topics Included: Medicaid, Estate Recovery, VA Benefits, Estate and Gift Tax and Ethics..

2010: South Carolina Bar, Greenwood, South Carolina. Blues, Bar-B-Q and Bar CLE. Topics Included: Impeachment, Cross Examination, Appointed Cases and Handling Expert Witnesses..

2009: South Carolina Bar, Neeses, South Carolina. Investors Title Insurance Company 2009 SC Title Insurance Seminar. Topics Included: Ethics in Real Estate, RESPA Reform, HUD/GFE Changes, Closing Instructions, Foreclosures, REO and Short Sales..

2009: South Carolina Bar, Columbia, South Carolina. Bridging the Gap: Defending DUI Cases Past, Present and Future. Topics Included: Defending DUI Drug Cases, Jury Trials under the New Law, Administrative Issues and Appeals, Introduction to Datamaster DMT..

2008: South Carolina Bar, Conway, South Carolina. 2008 Horry County Family Court Continuing Legal Education Seminar. Topics Included: Client Intake Issues, Child Support, Representing Juveniles, Uncontested Hearings and Procedures..

2008: South Carolina Bar, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. New World DUI. Topics Included: DUI from the Prosecutor and Defense Perspectives, Impact on North Carolina and Georgia Residents, Administrative Hearing Issues and Ignition Interlock Devices..

2008: South Carolina Bar, Columbia, South Carolina. Title Insurance I. Seminar sponsored by Investors' Title Company addressing issues involving real estate closings from beginning to end. In depth processes involving title searching, title policies and closing procedures..

2008: South Carolina Bar, Columbia, South Carolina. 2008 South Carolina Annual Seminar sponsored by Investors Title Insurance Company. Topics included issues in real estate closings, ethics and recent court decisions..

2007: South Carolina Bar, Charleston, South Carolina. Title Insurance Seminar sponsored by Land America Title Company focusing on ethics, case law updates, policy issuance, claims, surveys and survey exceptions..

2007: South Carolina Bar, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Annual SC Insurance Fraud Investigators Training Seminar. Topics Included: Good Faith Claims Handling in Arson and Fraud Cases, Terrorist Activity, Disaster Fraud, Identity Theft, ATM & Credit Card Fraud and Counterfeit IDs..

2007: South Carolina Bar, Conway, South Carolina. 2007 Horry County Family Court Continuing Legal Education Seminar. Topics Included: Guardian ad Litem Issues, Adoptions, Mediation, Orders of Protection and Settlement Agreements..

2007: South Carolina Bar, Litchfield, South Carolina. Investors Title Insurance Company 2007 Annual Seminar. Topics Included: Real Estate Closings from the National and State Perspective, Claims, Judgments, Estates, Foreclosures, Tax Sales, Manufactured Housing Issues and Commercial Property..

Qualification: Academic/Professional

Professionally Qualified

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