

PROFESSIONAL VITAE

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Attorney, Gahanna, Ohio (1991 - present)

Private civil trial and appellate practice emphasizing administrative and family law. Hearing officer, the Ohio Board of Education; the Ohio Department of Education, Office for Exceptional Children; the Ohio Board of Psychology; and the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission. Arbitrator, the United Steelworkers of America and Reynolds Metals Company and its subsidiaries. Lecturer, business law, at the Ohio State University, Department of Finance (1992-1996). Accredited mediator, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division and Juvenile Branch; serve on the Court's mediation accreditation committee. Board member, Central Ohio Parenting Coordinator Project. Board Member, Collaborative Divorce Professionals (program committee chair). Board member, Ohio Lawyers Assistance Program (Board Secretary). Listed in Who's Who in American Law.

Attorney, Berry & Shoemaker, Columbus, Ohio (1989 - 1991)

Responsibilities encompassed all aspects of a civil trial and appellate practice. Practice experience emphasized pleadings, discovery and motions practice; provided representation in state and federal court, in mediation, at administrative appeals, and at arbitration hearings; prepared trial briefs, appellate briefs, and appeals to the Ohio and U.S. Supreme Courts.

Psychologist, Licking County Board of Education, Newark, Ohio (1972 - 1986)

Provided psychological evaluations and counseling to children with special education needs under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and their families. Served as consultant to teachers and supervisors; presented inservice seminars; developed handbooks and placement procedure forms and policies; and chaired and coordinated MFE and IEP teams.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

The Ohio State University, College of Law, Columbus, Ohio
Juris Doctor, 1989

Managing Editor, The Ohio State Journal on Dispute Resolution, 1988-89

The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
Master of Arts, 1971 (school psychology)

Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio
Bachelor of Arts, 1970 (psychology)

PUBLICATIONS

Ohio's Tripartite Discovery Rule in Medical Malpractice Actions: A Plaintiff's Bermuda Triangle in Need of Further Refinement, published in the Ohio Northern University, Pharmacy-Law Institute, Journal of Pharmacy & Law (1992) Vol. I, No. 1.

Through the Looking Glass, (juvenile law) published in Columbus Bar Briefs, summer 2003 edition.

PRESENTATIONS

Presented on the topic of the role of the Guardian ad Litem for the Columbus Bar Association and for the Ohio Judicial College; and on IDEA for the Ohio School Boards Association.

CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE

Admitted to the Ohio Bar, 1989
Admitted to the Federal District Court, Southern District of Ohio, 1989
Ohio Psychology License #1959
Permanent Ohio Certification in School Psychology
Accredited as a mediator by the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division, and by the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas