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Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

Washington & Lee University School of Law - Juris Doctor
Duke University - Master of Theological Studies, *magna cum laude*
Rhodes College - Bachelor of Arts

WORK EXPERIENCE

Attorney – The Butler Law Firm, P.C. – Staunton, VA. 2014 – Present.

Operate a veteran-owned law firm specializing in civil litigation defense throughout the western part of Virginia. Martindale Hubbell – *AV Preeminent Rating*. Coordinate, strategize, and communicate with nationally renowned insurance companies to defend their insureds against property and personal injury claims. Work with clients to guide them through the litigation process and draft various pleadings. Coordinate with medical experts to obtain opinions and prepare them for trial. Prepare clients for depositions and trial testimony. Tried hundreds of cases before a jury or the bench. Mediate, arbitrate, or negotiate settlements to finalize claims. Negotiate and draft settlement agreements and releases.

Attorney - Timberlake, Smith, Thomas & Moses, P.C. - Staunton, VA. 2008 – 2013.

Tried over 100 cases and negotiated countless settlements. Primarily practiced insurance defense litigation. Developed relationships with individuals and corporate clients. Other experience includes Family Law, Debtor/Creditor disputes, Landlord/Tenant actions, and minor criminal (traffic & misdemeanors) offenses.

U. S. Army Special Operations Forces - USACAPOC – Fort Bragg, NC, Iraq. 2001 -2005.

Attended the *John F. Kennedy School of Special Warfare*. Member of a small 10 man CAT-A team that conducted various combat missions during the invasion of Iraq and the taking of Baghdad in April, 2003. Awarded two Bronze Stars (one with “V” device for heroism and valor) for actions in combat. Later in the deployment, served on a General Officer’s staff monitoring news outlets in the Middle East and was a part of the General’s personal security detail as he travelled Iraq and other areas in the middle east. Trained soldiers at Ft. Bragg about the new combat theater, force protection techniques, and cultural landscape.

Recycling/Sustainability Coordinator - Duke University - Durham, NC. 1996 – 2001. Planned and implemented educational forums and conferences. Managed 8 employees and 10 students in an effort to further Duke’s “greening” efforts. Built a nationally recognized sustainability program to transform various environmental practices at Duke University.

Oncology Recreation Therapy – Duke University Hospital – Durham, NC 1992-1994.
Worked with long-term patients on the oncology ward while in school. Befriended, provided outlets, and comforted patients and their families who faced ultimate challenges.

ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

Attorney

Martindale Hubbell – *AV Preeminent Rating*; Virginia Super Lawyers - Rising Star, 2013-2019; Augusta County Bar Association – President, President Elect, Vice President, 2011-2014; Augusta County Bar Association - Courthouse Planning Committee, 2014-2017; Chair and active member, Augusta County Bar Association Judicial Endorsements Committee, 2011-2016.

United States Army - USASOC, USACAPOC

Two Bronze Stars (one with a “V” device for exceptional valor and heroism) for actions in combat during the 2003 invasion of Iraq and Battle of Baghdad. Also awarded the Army Commendation Medal, Combat Action Badge, and Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. Graduated in the top 10% at John F. Kennedy School of Special Warfare, Ft. Bragg, NC.

Washington & Lee University School of Law

Elected by classmates to give the invocation at graduation. The Environmental Law Society (officer), The Federalist Society, The American Constitution Society, Field Sport & Angling Society, The Epicurean Society, Student representative to the Facilities Committee.

Duke University

Recipient of the Duke Scholarship - Top academic achiever in the M.T.S program; Recipient of the Duke University 2002 Presidential Award; Resident Advisor 1992-1994.

Rhodes College

Honor Council (3 yrs.) Tried and sentenced violators of the Honor Code; Kinney Community Service Program; Kids Count Organization of Memphis; Board of Trustees Faculty and Curriculum Committee; Rhodes Rugby Club.

AFFILIATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- The Virginia Bar Association
- The Virginia State Bar
- The Augusta County Bar Association
- The Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys
- Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America
- The American Legion
- Veterans of Foreign Wars
- The National Veteran Owned Business Association
- Veterans and Military Business Owners Association