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EDUCATION

J.D. Georgetown University Law Center, May 1984

B.A. Psychology, Smith College, May 1976

QUALIFICATIONS D.C. Bar Member #386218, Feb 1985 – present

CAREER HISTORY

Sep 2008 – present

Independent Special Education Due Process Hearing Officer for D.C. Office of State Superintendent of Education

Adjudicates disputes between parents and the local education agency regarding the provision of special education services for children with disabilities. Conducts pre-hearing conferences, issues pre-hearing conference orders, conducts due process hearings, issues written rulings on motions, and issues final written decisions based on applicable laws and regulations.

1986- Sep 2008

Sole practitioner in the District of Columbia

Criminal Law Litigator: Sole case responsibility as criminal defense attorney in over 3000 felony and misdemeanor cases. Conducted over 250 jury and bench trials. Researched, wrote and argued briefs/motions. Extensive working knowledge of courtroom procedure, criminal procedure, and rules of evidence. Extensive knowledge of community service agencies providing services for adult offenders.

Family Law Litigator: Litigated juvenile delinquency cases. Represented parents and children in neglect and abuse, termination of parental rights, custody, and adoption cases. Extensive knowledge of community service agencies relating to child welfare.

Probate Law: Served as Guardian and Conservator for incapacitated adults, and Guardian of Estate for minor children. Extensive review of mental health and medical records for incapacitated adults. Extensive knowledge of Department on Disabilities Services.

CIVIC SERVICE

2003-2009 Board of Directors, Ionia Whipper Home, Inc.
(Group home for abused and neglected girls)
Served as President, 2007-present
Served as Secretary, 2003-2007