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BUSINESS

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PERSONAL

Born: September 30, 1952, Alexandria, Louisiana
Age: 71

Married: Nanette Simon
August 6, 1982
Lafayette, Louisiana

Children: Clare Cook Autin (Robert Autin, M.D.), August 28, 1984
Emily Cook Harris (Andy Harris), March 14, 1987
John Sherman Cook (Jacquelyn Duhon), July 19, 1991
Eleanor Anne Cook, M.D. (David Smith), September 11, 1994
Christopher David Cook, September 11, 1994

EDUCATION

Louisiana State University School of Law, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Juris Doctor, May, 1976

McNeese State University, Lake Charles, Louisiana
Pre-Law Major (1970-73)

Bolton High School, Alexandria, Louisiana
Graduated May, 1970

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

47 years active practice of law in Southwest Louisiana
Emphasis on litigation
Litigation and appellate experience in State and Federal Courts
Experience in various areas of law, including:
Arbitration, Banking, Collections, Commercial, Corporations, Criminal,
Domestic, Employment Discrimination, Mediation, Medical Malpractice,
Personal Injury, Real Estate, Social Security Disability, Worker's Compensation
Since 1993, served as Mediator in over 2,500 cases throughout Louisiana
Since 1995, "AV" Rating with Martindale-Hubbell
Since 2004, served as Attorney Chairman of Medical Review Panel in over 600 cases

APPELLATE EXPERIENCE, STATE AND FEDERAL COURT

Aetna Life and Casualty Company, et al v. AMI-Electrical
and Hoist Service, et al,
637 So.2d 173 (La. App. 3 Cir. 1994)

Donald Christopher Alford v. Lawrence Woods, Jr., et al,
614 So.2d 1299 (La. App. 3 Cir. 1993),
writ denied 617 So.2d 915 (La. 1993)

Lockette v. Hartford Ins. Co.,
539 So.2d 1263 (La. App. 3 Cir. 1989)

Guidry v. Peoples,
534 So.2d 998 (La. App. 3 Cir. 1988)

Venable v. Smith,
529 So.2d 888 (La. App. 3 Cir. 1988)

Aucoin v. Hartford Acc. & Indem. Co.,
499 So.2d 1042 (La. App. 3 Cir. 1986)

Schexnaider v. Rome,
485 So.2d 245 (La. App. 3 Cir. 1986)

Moran v. King,
479 So.2d 699 (La. App. 3 Cir. 1985)

McManus v. Galaxy Carpet Mills, Inc.,
433 So.2d 854 (La. App. 3 Cir. 1983)

Austin v. State Farm Mut. Auto Ins. Co.,
400 So.2d 709 (La. App. 3 Cir. 1981)

Smith v. Hartford Acc. & Indem. Co.,
399 So.2d 1193 (La. App. 3 Cir. 1981)

Lewis v. Listi,
377 So.2d 551 (La. App. 3 Cir. 1979)

Hartford Fire Ins. Co. v. Maytag Co.,
374 So.2d 1269 (La. App. 3 Cir. 1979)

Fusilier v. Fournierat,
359 So.2d 1060 (La. App. 3 Cir. 1978)

Acadiana Bank v. Foreman,
352 So.2d 674 (La. 1977)

Louisiana Intrastate Gas Corp. v. Ledoux,
347 So.2d 4 (and related cases) (La. App. 3 Cir. 1977)

Landreneau v. Travelers Ins. Co.,
345 So.2d 177 (La. App. 3 Cir. 1977)

Hobbs v. Teledyne Movable Offshore, Inc.,
632 F.2d 1238 (C.A. La. 1980)

Matter of Angelle,
610 F.2d 1335 (C.A. La. 1980)

ASSOCIATIONS, ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

Professional

Member, Louisiana State Bar Association
Member, Lafayette Bar Association
Lafayette Parish Law Library Commission, 1990-96
American Inns of Court, 1990
Instructor of Business Law, University of Southwestern Louisiana, 1981-82
Who's Who in American Law, 1988, 1996-97
Judge Pro Tempore, Lafayette City Court, 1993-99

Civic

Evangeline Area Council, Boy Scouts of America,
Board Member, 1978-79
Atchafalaya Lodge, Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America,
Advisor, 1978-79
Lafayette Beaver Club, 1978-88
Lector, St. John's Cathedral, 1981-89
Jaycee's Outstanding Young Man of the Year, 1983
Instructor, Diocese of Lafayette Marriage Tribunal, 1988-89
Who's Who Among Emerging Leaders in America, 1988
Lafayette Natural History Museum and Planetarium Association, Inc.,
Board of Directors, 1992-94
President, 1993-94
Who's Who in The South and Southwest, 1995
Who's Who in America, 1996
Board of Directors, Downtown Lafayette Unlimited, 1996
St. Thomas More Catholic High School,
Board of Directors, 1999-2002
Chairman of Board of Directors, 2001-02
Petroleum Club of Lafayette
Board of Directors, 2009-12
Secretary, 2010-11

Law School

Flory Trial Competition, Fall 1974 and Spring 1975
Flory Trial Competition, Alternate Finalist, Spring 1975
Student Bar Association, Board of Governors, 1973-74
President, Freshman Class, 1973-74

Other

Board of Education Academic Scholarship (McNeese State University, 1970-73)
Art Editor, McNeese State University Newspaper, 1970-71
Art Editor, McNeese State University Yearbook, 1970-71
Editor in Chief, McNeese State University Yearbook, 1971-72
Blue Key Academic Honorary Fraternity, McNeese State University
Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities
Bolton High School Debate Team, Senior Men's Division:
 1st Place, St. Charles-Landry Debate Tournament,
 Lake Charles, Louisiana, 1968
 2nd Place, Captain Shreve "Early Bird" Tournament,
 Shreveport, Louisiana, 1969
 3rd Place, Louisiana Tech Debate Tournament,
 Ruston, Louisiana, 1969
National Merit Letter of Commendation
Eagle Scout

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

National Panel of Neutrals, American Arbitration Association, 1992-2000
Panel of Mediators, Arbitration Forums, Inc., 1992
Panel of Mediators, Pilot Mediation Program in Orleans Parish Civil District Court
 and First City Court of New Orleans, 1994
Panel of Mediators, Alternative Dispute Resolution Program of the
 Louisiana Insurance Guaranty Association, 1994
National Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators, National Arbitration
 Forum, 1999 - 2010
Panel of Mediators, Resolute Systems, Inc., 1999 -
Panel of Mediators, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA, formerly
 NASD Dispute Resolution), 2004 – 2009
Member, National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals, 2012-
Since 1993, served as Mediator in over 2,500 cases including:
 • Personal Injury Litigation
 • Medical Malpractice Cases
 • Commercial Disputes
 • Construction Disputes
 • Insurance Disputes including Hurricane Claims
 • Employment Discrimination Claims
Member, Panel of Neutrals for Mediation of Claims from Hurricanes Laura and
 Delta (USDC-WDLA: 2023 - present)