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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Legal Service

Miles Mediation & Arbitration Serve as a panel neutral for mediation, arbitration and special master services 2019 to present

Senior Judge, State of Georgia 2019 to present

• Preside in Superior and State Courts in civil, domestic and criminal matters

Judge, Henry County State Court

2008 to 2018

- Serve full-time in the eighth most populous Georgia County
- Maintain both a civil and criminal caseload
- Handle appeals from Magistrate Court
- Utilize pre-trial diversion programs for non-violent offenders

Fourth District Administrative Judge, Council of State Court Judges

2017 to 2018

- Served as the judge of the Fourth Judicial District to handle recusals and case assignments of judges within the district
- Served as member of the Executive Committee of the Council of State Court Judges

Superior Court Judge by Designation (Flint Judicial Circuit)

2009 to 2018

 Presided over both civil, criminal and domestic (jury and non-jury) calendars as needed

Judge Pro Tem, Henry County Probate Court

1997-2000, 2008 to 2016

 Presided over estate hearings, guardianship hearings, involuntary commitments of adults and hearings concerning issuance of concealed weapons permits.

Judge Pro Tem, Henry County Juvenile Court

2012 to 2018

• Presided and remained on-call in the absence of our sitting Juvenile Judges.

Judge Pro Tem, Henry County Magistrate Court

2012 to 2018

Presided over hearings on warrant applications.

<u>Crumbley & Harper, P.C. (formerly Crumbley & Crumbley)</u>

1997 to 2008

- Maintained an extensive civil and domestic practice
- Maintained a domestic mediation practice within the law office
- Represented many families in adoption proceedings
- Served as court appointed GAL in Superior and Juvenile Court
- The firm served as county attorney for Henry County for several years

Appointed by attorney general to represent the State of Georgia,
 Department of Family and Children Services

Public Service

Board Member, Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC)

2005 to 2008

• Served as a member of the regional planning body for the ten metropolitan Atlanta counties.

Executive Committee, ARC

Served as a member of the executive committee of the AR

Chair, Environment and Land Use Committee, ARC

 Chaired the committee responsible for approving developments of regional impact within the ten metro Atlanta counties

Vice-Chair, Ethics Committee, ARC

 Served as the vice-chair of committee responsible for ethics issues related to ARC. Committee was chaired by then Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin.

Chairman, Henry County Board of Commissioners

2005 to 2008

- Pursuant to local act served as part-time chief executive officer of county
- County budget in excess of \$100 million and approximately 1,100 employees
- Elected as countywide chairman with approximately 2/3 of the vote

Henry County Board of Commissioners

Vice-Chairman

2003 to 2004

District Commissioner

2001 to 2004

- First elected at age 27 to a district seat on the board of commissioners
- Selected by fellow commissioners to serve a term as board vice chairman

Academic Service

Adjunct Instructor, Mercer University

2016 to present

• Teach Employment Law

Adjunct Instructor, Brenau University

2012 to 2017

- Taught Conflict Resolution/Mediation
- Taught Business Law
- Taught American Government 101

Presenter, Institute for Continuing Judicial Education, University of Georgia

2009 to 2019

- Teach continuing judicial education courses for Georgia State Court Judges (2011 to present)
- Taught continuing judicial education courses for Georgia Probate Court Judges (2009-2012)

Adjunct Instructor, Georgia Perimeter College

2011 to 2012

Taught Business Law online

Presenter, State Bar of Georgia Sanctioned CLE

2011

 Presented two continuing legal education (CLE) sections on ethics and professionalism to various members of the State Bar of Georgia at seminars in Stockbridge, Georgia and on Jekyll Island.

Presenter for National Highway Safety Administration - National Judicial College

2012 to 2013

 Made two presentations on the topic of federal commercial vehicle regulations that apply to the state and local jurisdictions.

Dean's Advisory Board, Clayton State University

2013 to 2016

EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate, Georgia State University

1997

Editor-in-Chief, *The Docket* – Served as editor of the law school newspaper. First Place Speaker, 1st Year (1L) Moot Court Competition Preliminary Rounds First Place Team, 1st Year (1L) Moot Court Competition Final Round

B.A., Political Science, Mercer University

1994

*Obtained BA degree in two and a half years

<u>Secretary, Student Government Association</u>

<u>Senator, Student Government Association</u>

<u>Editor-in-Chief, The Cluster</u> – Served as editor of the university newspaper.

<u>Dean's List</u>

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC INVOLEMENT

Lawyers Club of Atlanta 2018 to present

Chairman, Noah's Ark Animal Rehabilitation Center

2008 to 2010

Served as chair of the board of a 250 acre exotic and domestic animal rescue center and refuge. Noah's Ark consistently was required to maintain compliance with federal, state and local laws and regulations due to the nature of the facility.

ACCG/GEBCorp Retirement Board of Trustees Member

2006 to 2008

Served as one of eight board members overseeing the retirement funds (both defined benefit and defined contribution) of Georgia county and municipal employees

Henry County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

2003 to 2008

Promoted businesses and economic development within the county.

Past President, Georgia Chapter, National Brownfield Association

2007

Served as the inaugural president of the Georgia Chapter of the NBA, a non-profit organization encouraging clean-up of brownfield sites.

AWARDS/HONORS

2009 – Top 5 Under 40 by "H" Magazine

2008 – Building Dedication Honor – Jason T. Harper Event Center

<u>2007 – Public Service Award</u> – Henry County Chamber of Commerce

2007 - NAACP President's Award

<u>2006 - Herman Talmadge Visionary Award</u> – Henry County Chamber of Commerce

2005 - NAACP Public Service Award

<u>2005 – Top 5 under 40</u> by *Henry Magazine*.

<u>2001 – Child Advocate of the Year</u> (co-recipient) by Henry County Council on Child Abuse