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EDUCATION: *University of North Carolina School of Law.* Juris Doctor, 1987.

Davidson College. Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Psychology, 1984.

CERTIFICATIONS: *Admitted to NC State Bar, 1987.*
Dispute Resolution Commission Certified Superior Court Mediator, 1998.
NC Industrial Commission Approved Workers' Compensation Mediator, 1998.
Better Business Bureau Arbitrator, 2000.
Martindale-Hubbell AV peer rating

WORK EXPERIENCE: *Jennifer S. Brearley, Attorney at Law and Mediator (June 1998 – present)*
Mediator

Mediated hundreds of cases across North Carolina assisting parties in resolving disputes in workers' compensation, eminent domain, and other civil matters. Arbitrated cases on behalf of the Better Business Bureau.

Morris York Williams Surles & Barringer (June 1998 – May 2000)
Training Supervisor (Part-time)

Provided instruction to and supervision of 15-20 associate attorneys with 0-7 years experience for litigation firm. Created training program including written materials covering various legal and medical issues; conducted group training sessions for associates; reviewed and critiqued associate work; and provided feedback of associate development to partnership of firm.

Morris York Williams Surles & Brearley (January 1994 – June 1998)
Partner

Founding partner of civil defense litigation law firm. Litigated cases with a focus on complex workers' compensation claims involving catastrophic injuries. Provided legal counsel to employers and insurance companies, including formal and informal legal training seminars. Managed firm business and supervised staff and associate attorneys. Conducted interviews and made hiring recommendations of candidates for attorney, summer clerk, and staff positions. (Representative clients include Duke Energy, Carolinas Medical Center, Zenith Insurance Group, SunAlliance, and Wausau.)

Hedrick, Eatman, Gardner & Kincheloe (August 1987 – December 1993)
Partner (1992-93)

Associate (1987-1992)

Litigated civil cases in the State and Federal Trial Courts and Appellate Courts of North Carolina and before the North Carolina Industrial Commission. Participated in the management of the firm, including conducting initial interviews and making hiring recommendations of new associates.

**PROFESSIONAL
ASSOCIATIONS:**

North Carolina Bar Association (August 1987 – present)

- **Dispute Resolution Council Member, Chair of Membership Subcommittee; CLE Planning Committee for Dispute Resolution/Litigation CLE** (July 2012 – present)
- **Workers' Compensation Section** Provided comment to the North Carolina Industrial Commission in the creation of official Forms to be adopted as a result of the Legislative Reform Act of 1994.

Tenth Judicial District Bar Fee Dispute Mediation Committee (March 2015-present)

Mediated fee disputes brought pursuant to the North Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct between attorneys and their clients.

Wake County Bar Association (June 2014-present)

Serving on the CLE Committee; Planner of new CLE on Workers' Compensation Law.

Mecklenburg County Bar Association (August 1987 – June 2014)

Served on the Medical Legal Committee assisting with revision and update of the Joint Statement of Attorney-Physician Responsibilities.

National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals, North Carolina Academy of Superior Court Mediators Chapter (February 2012 –present)

**PROFESSIONAL
ACTIVITIES:**

Mediation, Inc., Superior Court and Family Financial Mediator Certification Courses, Trainer (2012-present)

Proctor, NC Bar Exam (July 2015, July 2016)

NC Bar Association CLE, Panelist (November 2012)

Charlotte School of Law Mediation Week, Panelist (October 2012)

Davidson College, LSAT Preparation Course Instructor (2001- 2002)

PERSONAL:

Apex United Methodist Church, Next Chapters Leadership (2016-present)

Women of Vision (2012-present); ***Leadership Team*** (2016-present)

Myers Park Presbyterian Church - Officer Nominating Comm., Deacon, Child & Youth Protection Task Force, Confirmation Chair, Children's Ministry Chair, Sunday School Teacher (20+ years)

Charlotte Country Day School, Upper School Board, Middle School Board, Class Parent.

Ronald McDonald House of Charlotte, House Operations volunteer (2011-12).

The Fletcher School Parent Council, Secretary (2009-2011)

Women Attorneys' Study Group (2006-present)

The Children's Law Center, Volunteer.

The GladneyNC Auxiliary.

The Preserve at Belingrath Homeowners' Assoc., President (1995-1997)