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EDUCATION

1987 - Florida State University College of Law, JD, with high honors

1984 - Mississippi University for Women, Bachelor of Arts, English, magna cum laude

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1987 – 2020: Henry Buchanan, P.A., Tallahassee, FL

Litigator and Lead Appellate Counsel. Primary areas of focus were all manner of employment practices and discrimination claims, civil rights litigation, tort defense, medical malpractice and other health care law, and commercial litigation, including foreclosures and collections. Also specialized in workplace investigations and HR consultation. Clients included a wide array of state and local government agencies and officers; correctional facilities; State universities and Florida's State University System; the Florida Supreme Court's Dispute Resolution Center; and private sector entities such as hospitals, lending institutions, business corporations and manufacturers.

2021 – present: O'Steen & O'Steen, P.L., Tallahassee, FL

Mediator. Full time Florida Supreme Court certified circuit civil and appellate mediator. Mediation practice includes a wide array of employment-related disputes; personal injury suits; all manner of tort claims; civil rights litigation; law enforcement / correctional liability claims; commercial law and contract disputes; and property damage claims.

Member of the Florida Mediator Qualifications and Discipline Review Board and has served as an appointed prosecutor for the Florida Dispute Resolution Center.

CERTIFICATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

- Florida Supreme Court Certified Civil Mediator
- Florida Supreme Court Certified Appellate Mediator
- Member, Florida Bar

- Admitted to U.S. District Court for the Northern, Middle, and Southern Districts of Florida
- Admitted to United States Supreme Court
- Member, 2nd Judicial Circuit Professionalism Panel
- Member, William H. Stafford Inn of Court
- Member, Mediator Qualifications and Discipline Review Board
- Martindale-Hubbell AV rated