

Curriculum Vitae
of
Michael W. Drye

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Education:

B.A., *With Honors in Political Science*, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 1973
J.D., Wake Forest University, 1976

Court Admissions:

State of North Carolina
U.S. District Court (Western District, Middle District)

Mediation Training:

NC Family and Divorce Mediation Training, Mediation, Inc., 1997
NC Superior Court Mediation Training, Mediation, Inc., 2004

Professional Certifications and Listings:

Board Certified Family Law Specialist, NC Board of Legal Specialization, 1993;
Recertified 1998; Recertified 2004; (To Be) Recertified 2009
Certified Mediator in Superior Court Civil Actions, NC Dispute Resolution
Commission, 2005 to present
**Certified Mediator in Equitable Distribution and other Family Financial Cases in
District Court Actions**, NC Dispute Resolution Commission, 2003 to present
North Carolina Super Lawyers, 2007, 2008, (To Be) 2009, under specialty of Family Law
Best Lawyers in America, 2007, 2008, (To Be) 2009, under category of Family Law and
2008 and (To Be) 2009, under additional category of Family Law Mediation

Professional Associations:

Legal:

North Carolina State Bar, Member, Family Law Specialty Committee, 2006 to
present
North Carolina Bar Association, Member, Dispute Resolution Section, Family
Law Section, Litigation Section, GP Small Firm & Solo Section

Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Bar, Member, Executive Committee, 2008 to present
American Bar Association, Member, Dispute Resolution Section

Other:

Asheville Toastmasters, President, 1999-2000, 2005-2006
Christian Business Men's Committee of Asheville, President, 1981-1985
Bethany Christian Services Advisory Board, Chairman, 1984-1986
Marketplace Discipleship Ministries Advisory Board, Chairman, 1992-2002
Asheville Day Nursery Advisory Board, 1982-1985

Professional Experience:

Michael W. Drye, P.C., January, 1997 - Present

Description of practice:

Between 1996 and approximately 2000, my practice was primarily devoted to family law cases. Beginning approximately in 2001, I began mediating cases, primarily family law cases involving equitable distribution, alimony, child custody and child support. After becoming certified in Family Law mediation in 2003, the number of cases I mediated began to substantially increase. I became certified in Superior Court mediations in 2005, and have successfully mediated Superior Court cases, although the majority of cases I mediate have continued to be in the area of Family Law. I currently spend about one-half of my time mediating versus litigating and practicing law. The majority of cases I mediate involve pending litigation but a plurality involve cases in which no legal action is pending. Since approximately 2001, I have successfully mediated more than 200 cases, some involving complex issues regarding business valuations and multiple corporations and LLCs and other complicated financial issues.

Brock, Drye & Aceto, P.A., April, 1989 - December, 1996

Description of practice:

Between 1989 and 1993, when I became board certified as a family law specialist, I had somewhat of a general practice, with a strong emphasis in family law, Workers' Compensation, Social Security disability, adoptions and termination of parental rights, but which also involved litigation in areas including products liability, personal injury, construction disputes and business disputes. After I became board certified as a family law specialist in 1993, my practice gradually shifted more towards exclusively family law, although I continued to handle cases involving Workers' Compensation, Social Security disability, personal injury and commercial disputes. In addition, I had a substantial office practice, involving simple wills and probate matters. I did a minimal amount of criminal defense.

Brock & Drye, P.A., 1986 – March, 1989

Description of practice:

With my then partner, Floyd D. Brock, I had a general practice, with a strong emphasis in family law, Workers' Compensation and Social Security disability but which also involved litigation in areas including products liability, personal injury, construction disputes and business disputes. Some of the litigation involved jury trials. At that time, I had a substantial appellate practice as well, both in the North Carolina Court of Appeals and the North Carolina Supreme Court. In addition, I had a substantial office practice involving simple wills and probate matters, and incorporations of small businesses. I also handled a substantial caseload of adoptions and termination of parental rights cases. I did a minimal amount of criminal defense.

My law partner, Floyd D. Brock, died of a brain tumor in 1989 and, at the time, I was his only partner. I managed to continue to handle my own practice and take over my partner's substantial caseload, and continue to operate as the managing partner of what had been a two-man firm, while being able to keep the staff of secretaries and paralegals, until I brought in another partner in April, 1989.

Brock, Begley & Drye, P.A. – September, 1979 to December, 1985

Description of practice:

With my then partners, Floyd D. Brock and Wm. Michael Begley, I had a general practice, with a strong emphasis in family law, Workers' Compensation and Social Security disability but which also involved litigation in areas including, personal injury, construction disputes, business disputes, real estate boundary disputes and real estate subdivision disputes. Some of the litigation involved jury trials. At that time, I had a substantial appellate practice as well, both in the North Carolina Court of Appeals and the North Carolina Supreme Court. In addition, I had a substantial office practice involving simple wills and probate matters, and incorporations of small businesses. I did a minimal amount of criminal defense.

Buncombe County Attorney – January, 1977 to August 31, 1979

Description of practice:

I was the full-time Assistant County Attorney. My future law partner, Floyd D. Brock, was the appointed part-time County Attorney. My responsibilities included representing the County Department of Social Services, the County Welfare Fraud and IV-D Child Support agencies, and assisting Mr.

Brock in representing the Board of County Commissioners and the County Sheriff Department.

Johnson & Drye, P.A. – August, 1976 to December, 1976

Description of practice:

With my then partner, George Johnson, I had a general practice, with a strong emphasis in family law, Workers' Compensation and Social Security disability but which also involved litigation in areas including personal injury, construction disputes, business disputes and real estate disputes. I did a minimal amount of criminal defense.

State Bar of North Carolina, Admitted to practice, August, 1976

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