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EDUCATION

J. D., Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D. C., 1976

Tulane University School of Law (1973-74) (senior year of college)

Newcomb College, Tulane University, New Orleans, La.,

B. A. Degree - Philosophy, May, 1974 (1970-73)

Phi Beta Kappa

University Scholars Program

Dean's List 1971-74

Combination Degree Program (law school during senior year)

EMPLOYMENT

November 2009 to present - Owner, Satori ADR, L.L.C.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Services, including mediation, arbitration, special master appointments.

June 1983 to November 2009 - UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
Western District of Louisiana, Lafayette, La.

Performed the full range of duties in civil and criminal cases as authorized under 28 U.S.C. § 636. Presided over jury and non-jury trials, including maritime, commercial, personal injury, products liability, medical malpractice, patents, trademark, securities fraud, and civil rights. Ruled on pretrial motions; conducted pretrial conferences; selected juries; acted as special master in EEOC and other cases; issued reports and recommendations on case-dispositive motions, social security appeals, habeas corpus petitions, and civil rights claims.

Conducted over a thousand settlement conferences in a wide variety of litigation.

In criminal cases, presided over felony pretrial matters, including arraignment, bail and detention hearings, evidentiary hearings on motions to suppress; conducted criminal trials in misdemeanor and petty offense cases; accepted guilty pleas; issued search and arrest warrants; selected grand jury members and presided over matters affecting their service; accepted grand jury returns. Sentenced thousands of defendants in wildlife offense cases under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the National Wildlife Refuge Act.

**January 1981 to June 1983 - STAFF ATTORNEY, U. S. Department of the Interior
Office of Surface Mining (OSM) Field Solicitor's Office, Charleston, W. Va.**

Provided legal advice and representation to OSM within a seven-state area: Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, pertaining to enforcement of environmental laws regulating surface mining of coal. Represented OSM in suits arising in federal district court in eleven districts, including cases challenging the constitutionality of the Act; in proceedings to review administrative decisions; and in suits brought on behalf of OSM for temporary restraining orders and permanent injunctions under 30 U.S.C. 1271(c); represented OSM at administrative hearings challenging the validity of violation notices and cessation-of-mining orders issued by OSM, and contesting the amount of penalties assessed.

**January 1979 to January 1981 - ASSISTANT U. S. ATTORNEY
Western District of Louisiana, Shreveport, Louisiana**

Served in both the civil and the criminal divisions. Defended medical malpractice and other tort cases filed against the government; responsible for all aspects of litigation from inception through trial. Received special training in civil trial techniques at the Attorney General's Trial Advocacy Institute in Washington, D. C.; attended seminars on tort law and medical malpractice litigation. Served as prosecutor on a series of vote-fraud cases arising out of the 1978 Congressional election.

**August 1977 to January 1979 - GIST, METHVIN, HUGHES & MUNSTERMAN
Associate at Law Firm, Alexandria, Louisiana**

Provided legal advice and representation to clients in a variety of matters, including tort law (both plaintiff and defense work), domestic law, indigent criminal defense, contracts, and successions. Conducted a number of trials in state district courts throughout the state. Represented the City of Alexandria in a number of proceedings involving the violation of municipal ordinances, and provided the City with legal analyses of its obligations under federal, state and local laws.

**August 1974 to May 1977 - STAFF ASSISTANT, U. S. Representative Gillis W. Long,
8th Congressional District of La., Washington, D.C.**

Worked full-time as staff assistant to Congressman Long while attending Georgetown Law School at night. Acted as a liaison for constituents in their dealings with various federal agencies; attended committee hearings to monitor issues of interest, drafted speeches, met with state and local officials to discuss legislation; helped coordinate efforts of the Louisiana delegation with respect to various projects such as construction of I-49 and the Red River Waterway; assisted several Louisiana contractors coordinate their efforts to provide emergency relief to earthquake victims in Guatemala, by serving as a liaison with the Department of State.

ACTIVITIES

Speaker, Wage and Hour Litigation and Class Actions, Miami Florida, January 31, 2012, American Conference Institute.

Speaker, "Tips and Tricks of Mediators," Shreveport Bar Association, October 6, 2011.

Speaker, Retaliation & Discrimination Litigation, New York City, July 28, 2011, American Conference Institute.

Speaker, Professionalism and Skill in ADR, December 1, 2010, Sixth Annual Judge John Shaw "Country Gentleman" Civility and Ethics Seminar, Federal Bar Association, Lafayette, La.

Speaker, Aviation Litigation Seminar, June 23, 2010, Boston, MA, American Conference Institute

Speaker, Employment Litigation Seminar, New York City, Feb.26, 2010, American Conference Institute

Speaker, Automotive Product Liability Seminar, Chicago, Nov. 20, 2009, American Conference Institute

Speaker, Aviation Litigation Seminar, June 24, 2009, Boston, MA, American Conference Institute

Arbitration Judge, ABA Law Student Division Regionals, LSU Law School, November 22, 2009.

Founder and Organizational Chair, American Inn of Court of Acadiana (Dec. 1989); Executive Committee Member (1989-present)

Founder and Organizational Chair, John M. Duhé, Jr. American Inn of Court, Lafayette, Louisiana, 1996-1997.

Member (6 years), U. S. Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Magistrate Judges System, 1997-2003, appointment by Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

Louisiana State Bar Association, Bridging the Gap Seminar Speaker:

2002: Federal Practice

2001: Federal Practice

1996: Federal Discovery and Motion Practice

1995: Federal Discovery and Motion Practice

Speaker, University of Louisiana, Lafayette, Phi Beta Kappa Lecture Series, February 2005, "What the Bleep Do We Know? The Value of Asking the Right Questions"

Volunteer, Games of Acadiana, appearing as Captain Jack Sparrow, 2003-2009.

Certified Mediator, American Arbitration Association.

Graduate, Leadership Lafayette V, 1990-1991.

Louisiana State Bar Association: Intellectual Property Law Seminar, "Judicial Perspective," November 22, 1996.

Inn on the Teche American Inn of Court, Organizational Consultant, 1996.

Co-Chair, LSBA Federal Court Bench-Bar Liaison Committee for the Western District of La., 1993-94; Member, 1991-92

Seminar Speaker, "CLE Seminar on Pretrial Practice" sponsored by the Lafayette Parish Bar Association, May, 1990.

Panel Speaker on Judicial System, "Leadership Lafayette" Program sponsored by the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, November, 1987 and May, 1990.

Speaker and participant, "Lawyers in the Classroom Project," Young Lawyers Council, Louisiana Bar Association, 1989-90. Mock drug arrest, bail hearing, trial and sentencing presented to 7th and 8th grade students at Paul Breaux School, March, 1990.

Seminar Speaker, "Effective Use of Pretrial Discovery -- Discovery Abuse, Sanctions and Ethical Responsibilities," sponsored by the Louisiana Bar Association, December, 1989.

Organizer and Moderator of Seminar on Federal Sentencing Guidelines, arranged in conjunction with the Lafayette Parish Bar Association and the U. S. Probation Office, and approved by the La. Bar Assn. for CLE credit (continuing legal education), July, 1989.

Guest Speaker on funding needs of the Louisiana Task Force on Gender Bias in the Courts (1990), and on federal-court-related issues of interest to new practitioners (1986), Acadiana Association of Women Attorneys.

MEMBERSHIPS

National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals
 Louisiana Bar Association
 Lafayette Parish Bar Association
 American Inn of Court of Acadiana, Program Chair
 Federal Magistrate Judges Association
 National Association of Women Judges, Assistant Director, District Six (1989-1990)

PERSONAL

Born in Alexandria, Louisiana. Mother/stepmother of five children, three grandchildren. Second-degree black belt (2004) in American Shotokan Karate; yoga and kickboxing teacher.