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EDUCATION **B.A.** – Vanderbilt University (1973)
J.D. – University of Georgia College of Law (1979)
Mediation Training – Dispute Management of Orlando, Florida (1993)
Advanced Mediation Training – Strauss Institute for Dispute
Resolution, Pepperdine University School of Law (1999)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

May 1, 1997 – **Mediator/Arbitrator**
Present

Duties include providing mediation and arbitration services in litigated claims, specializing in the areas of workers' compensation, personal injury, employment, and ADA disputes. The estimated number of claims mediated since 1993 exceeds 2000, with a resolution rate in excess of 90%.

August 1990 - **Adjunct Professor of Law**
Present **Georgia State University College of Law**

Developed and continue to teach classes in Georgia Workers' Compensation Law, and an Advanced Georgia Workers' Compensation Law Seminar. Authored the textbook, *Georgia Workers' Compensation Law: A study of the Current Rules, Regulations and Cases Underlying The Practice of Workers' Compensation Law* [Editions 1994, 1995, 1996, and 1997], published by ICLE/Georgia.

September 1, 1996 - **Partner**
April 30, 1997 **Savell & Williams**

Duties included the defense of disputed workers' compensation claims, as well as the provision of mediation services in the workers' compensation arena. Specialized in the defense of catastrophic injury claims.

May 3, 1993 - **Chief Administrative Law Judge and**
August 31, 1996 **Legal Division Director**
 State Board of Workers' Compensation

Duties included: supervision of more than 75 employees, including all of the administrative law judges and their staffs, the mediation unit, the settlement unit, and the clerk's office; development and implementation of the annual budget for the Legal

Division of the Board; development of Board rules and regulations; drafting of legislation at the direction of the Appellate Division of the Board; participation in education of all members of the workers' compensation arena through seminars and written materials; and coordination of all Legal Division actions with the remaining divisions of the Board. During my tenure, I created the Alternative Dispute Resolution Unit within the Legal Division, and implemented policies which greatly streamlined the resolution of contested workers' compensation claims.

May 1, 1987 - **Administrative Law Judge**
May 2, 1993 **State Board of Workers' Compensation**

Duties included presiding over workers' compensation hearings and rendering awards. Specific territories included metropolitan Atlanta and numerous surrounding counties, with hearing locations in Gainesville, Conyers, Covington, Monticello, McDonough, Winder, and Carrollton, among others. Also substituted for other judges in venues including Savannah, Columbus, Albany, Dalton, and Macon. In addition, I regularly spoke at seminars on the subject of workers' compensation law, and wrote numerous articles for publication.

June 1, 1984 - **Administrative Attorney**
April 30, 1987 **State Board of Workers' Compensation**

Duties included research and drafting of awards for the Appellate Division; research and drafting of rules and regulations at the direction of the Chairman of the State Board; provided research and assistance to administrative law judges as requested.

November 29, 1983 - **Consultant**
May 30, 1984 **Hayes Microcomputer Products, Inc.**

Developed a computer program for filing and cross-referencing legal documents for the corporation.

January 1, 1980 - **Law Clerk**
January 21, 1983 **Judge James L. Bullard**
Cobb Superior Court

Duties included research and drafting orders, jury instructions, and memoranda for Judge Bullard, requiring extensive in-court assistance.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

State Bar of Georgia (*Workers' Compensation Section, 1984-present (Board of Directors, 1987-1996); Trial Practice Section, 1993-present; Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, 1997-present (Chair, 2004-2005)*); Atlanta Bar Association (*Workers' Compensation Section 1984-present; Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, 1998-present (Board of Directors, 2006-07)*); Member, Governor's Workers' Compensation Advisory Commission (2000-2001); Leadership

DeKalb, 1997-present (Board of Directors, 1997-2001); DeKalb County Board of Ethics (2000-present; Chair, 2003-2004).

PUBLICATIONS

Georgia Workers' Compensation Law: A Study Of The Current Rules, Regulations And Cases Underlying The Practice Of Workers' Compensation Law.

Casebook published by Georgia Institute of Continuing Legal Education [Volumes 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997]. *This book provides the text used by the Georgia State University College of Law for their Workers' Compensation Law class and seminar. All proceeds from the sale of this textbook go to benefit Kids' Chance, a charity providing educational opportunities for the children of severely injured or deceased workers.*

"Seven Habits of Highly Effective Advocates in Mediation" Winning at Mediation, presented by the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section and General Practice & Trial Section of the State Bar of Georgia, May 24, 2002; published by Georgia Institute of Continuing Legal Education, 2002.

"Mediation in a Workers' Compensation Claim: Evaluation, Preparation, and Ethical Considerations." Workers' Compensation Law Institute, presented by the Workers' Compensation Law Section, State Bar of Georgia, October 9, 1999; published by Georgia Institute of Continuing Legal Education, 1999.

"Preparing for a Mediation Conference." Georgia Workers' Compensation Practice for Paralegals, presented by HalfMoon, June 18, 1999; published by HalfMoon, LLP, 1999.

"Winning Redefined: A Positive Approach to the Practice of Law." Georgia State University Law Review, Vol. 12, No. 3 at 653 (April 1996).

"Changes in Board Forms and Rules Effective July 1, 1995"; Workers' Compensation Law Institute; presented by the Workers' Compensation Law Section, State Bar of Georgia, November 9, 1995; published by Georgia Institute of Continuing Legal Education, 1995.

"Alternative Dispute Resolution for Georgia Workers' Compensation Claims"; Workers Compensation Update 1994, presented by the Counsel on Education in Management, June 9, 1994; published by Bergman Associates, 1994.

"Summary: Workers' Compensation Legislation, House Bill 1505", Workers' Compensation for the General Practitioner; presented by the Workers' Compensation Law Section, State Bar of Georgia, April 15, 1994; published by Georgia Institute of Continuing Legal Education, 1994.

"New Board Procedure for the State Board of Workers' Compensation"; Seminar to Benefit Kids' Chance, presented on December 16, 1993; published by Kids' Chance.

“Pre-Trial Resolution in Georgia Workers’ Compensation Law”, in collaboration with Judge Carolyn C. Hall; Workers’ Compensation for the General Practitioner; presented by the Workers’ Compensation Law Section, State Bar of Georgia, May 14, 1993; published by the Georgia Institute of Continuing Legal Education, 1993.

“The Hearing from the Perspective of the Administrative Law Judge”, in collaboration with Judge Gordon R. Zeese; presented by the Workers’ Compensation Law Section, State Bar of Georgia; April 7, 1989; published by the Georgia Institute of Continuing Legal Education, 1989.

“The Hearing from the Perspective of the Administrative Law Judge”, Workers’ Compensation for the General Practitioner; presented by the Workers’ Compensation Law Section, State Bar of Georgia, April 15, 1988; published by Georgia Institute of Continuing Legal Education, 1988.

“Recent Case Law Development”, in collaboration with Don L. Knowles and E. Lee Southwell; Seminar on Workers’ Compensation Law presented by Georgia Trial Lawyers’ association, September 5, 1986; published by Georgia Institute of Continuing Legal Education, 1986.

“Lump Sums, Settlements and Advances”, Seminar on Workers’ Compensation Law, presented by Georgia Trial Lawyers’ Association, September 5, 1986; published by Georgia Institute of Continuing Legal Education, 1986.

“Analysis of Cases and Enumerations of Error Decided by the Supreme Court of Georgia, September 1977 – August 1978”, in collaboration with Jonathan A. Weintraub; published by the Georgia Supreme Court, 1979.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

DeKalb County Board of Ethics (2000- present; Chair, 2002-2004); Kids’ Chance of Georgia (Board of Directors, 1994–present; Chair, 2005-2007); Kids’ Chance of America, Inc. (Board of Directors, 2005-present); Leadership DeKalb (Class of 1997; Board of Directors, 1997-2001); Youth Leadership DeKalb (1997-2002; Chair, 1998-2000); Atlanta Young Singers of Callanwolde (Board of Directors, 1998-2001); Chamblee Charter High School (PTSA, Charter School Commission, Governance Council) 1997-2003; Glenn United Methodist Church.