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**EDUCATION:**

Legal: University of Tennessee College of Law, Knoxville, Tennessee

Degree: Doctor of Jurisprudence degree received December, 1979.

Activities: Tennessee Law Review; Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity

Undergraduate: University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee

Degree: Bachelor of Arts with Honors, June, 1976

Major: Organism and systems biology with subspecialty in chemistry

**LAW PRACTICE:**

Lewis, Thomason, King, Krieg & Waldrop, P.C. (January 2015 – Present)

Practice encompasses primarily civil litigation, including the areas of domestic relations, personal injury, and corporate litigation at the circuit, chancery, and appellate levels, as well as mediation of various types of civil cases.

Sheppard & Mynatt, P.L.C. (April 1994 – January 2015)

(formerly Sheppard, Swanson, Mynatt & McMillan, P.L.C. and Sheppard, Swanson & Mynatt, P.L.C.) Knoxville, Tennessee

Susano & Sheppard (March 1989 – March 1994)

Knoxville, Tennessee

Law Office of Sarah Y. Sheppard (September 1988 – February 1989)

Knoxville, Tennessee

Allen, Taylor, Sheppard & Parris (January 1986 – August 1988)

Knoxville, Tennessee

Lockridge & Becker, P.C. (April 1980 – December 1985)

Knoxville, Tennessee

**LICENSURE AND COURT ADMISSIONS:**

Licensed to practice in the State of Tennessee by the Tennessee Supreme Court, April 26, 1980

Also admitted to practice in the following courts:

United States Supreme Court

United States Court of Appeals (Sixth Circuit)

United States Tax Court

United States District Court

## **MEDIATION:**

Certified as a mediator in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee in a pilot program in 1994 (prior to the implementation of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31); Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31 Listed General Civil Mediator (1998 to present).

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

Tennessee Law of Evidence, (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. 1991, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed. 1995, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed. 2000, 5<sup>th</sup> Ed. 2005, 6<sup>th</sup> Ed. 2011) [coauthored with Neil P. Cohen and Donald F. Paine]

Domestic Relations - Divorce - Restrictions on Recrimination, 46 Tennessee Law Review 461 (1979)

Numerous bar journal articles

## **TENNESSEE BAR ASSOCIATION OFFICES:**

President, 2019-2020  
President-Elect, 2018-2019  
Vice-President, 2017-2018  
Board of Governors, 2014-2017 and 1996-1999

## **TENNESSEE BAR ASSOCIATION – OTHER POSITIONS:**

1992 Chair of Litigation Section; East Tennessee Vice President of Young Lawyers Conference; Member, Commission on Women and Minorities, 1992 - 1996; 1995 Chair of CLE Committee; 1998 - 2000 Co-Chair of the Futures Committee.

**Tennessee Bar Association Task Force - Code of Judicial Conduct**, Reporter (2009 to present)

**Tennessee Bar Association Family Law Code Revision Commission** - 1996-2001; 2009 - present

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS:**

**State of Tennessee Judicial Evaluation Commission** - Vice Chair, 1996 - 1999; Chair, 1999 - 2008.

**Advisory Commission to the Tennessee Supreme Court on Rules of Practice and Procedure**- 1998 to 2008.

**Knoxville Bar Association** - President (1994); Treasurer (2 terms) and member of Board of Governors (4 years).

**National Conference of Bar Presidents**

**Southern Conference of Bar Presidents**

**American Bar Association** - member, Family Law and Litigation sections.

**American Inns of Court** (Barrister, 1988-1993; Master of the Bench, 1995 - 2001; Emeritus, 2002 to present).

**TEACHING POSITIONS:**

Tennessee Law Institute instructor, 1988 to present; Tennessee Judicial Conference Civil Law Update (1988 - present); University of Tennessee College of Law, Adjunct Professor in trial practice (1987 - 2002) and family law (1990); instructor with BAR/BRI Bar Review Course teaching domestic relations law (2001-2006), and numerous continuing legal education seminars in subjects including alternative dispute resolution, civil procedure, evidence, torts, estates, business associations, domestic relations and ethics.

**HONORS:**

Selected by American Lawyer Media and Martindale-Hubbell as Elite Lawyer of the South, 2018

Recipient of Don Paine Lawyer Legacy Award, 2015

Recipient of Knoxville Bar Association Governors' Award, 2014

Recipient of 2010 Tennessee Bar Association President's Award

Recipient of 2007 American Bar Association Judicial Education Award presented by Special Judges' Section

Recipient of 1993 YWCA Tribute to Women Award in the field of business and government

Recipient of 1994 Outstanding Alumni of Roosevelt Inn, The International Legal Fraternity of Phi Delta Phi

Named to Best Lawyers in America (1994 to present)

Named one of "Best 101 Lawyers in Tennessee" by Business Tennessee magazine (Jan. 2004 to present)

Named to "Super Lawyers" (2006 to present)

Fellow, American Bar Foundation (2009 to present)

Fellow, Tennessee Bar Foundation (1994 to present)

Fellow, Knoxville Bar Foundation (1992 to present); President (2003 to 2007); Secretary and Member of Board of Directors (1992 to 2002).

Fellows of the Tennessee Young Lawyers Conference - Treasurer, 1992-93; Secretary, 1993-94; President-Elect, 1994-95; President 1995-96.

Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America

**BOARD MEMBERSHIPS:**

National Episcopal Chancellors Network Board of Directors (2018 – present)

Has been a member of the following in the past:

Federal Defender Services of East Tennessee, Inc., Board of Directors

Federal Court Civil Justice Reform Advisory Committee

University of Tennessee College of Law Alumni Advisory Council

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

Pro bono law practice: Participant in The Pro Bono Project and through private practice; also, Chancellor, Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee (2005 – February, 2019); Vice-Chancellor (February, 2019 – present)

Church: Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan; have served as Senior Warden (Chairperson of the Vestry, which is the Church's governing body) for two years; member of the Vestry for six years; stewardship chairman; chair of the finance committee; lay reader and lay eucharistic minister at various times over the past 15 years.

Habitat for Humanity: have been involved in the construction of several houses sponsored by various organizations, including the Knoxville Bar Association, The Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan and Habitat's Women Build Program.

Tennessee Certified Master Gardener (2006 - present)