

CURRICULUM VITAE
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ADMISSIONS:

State Bar of Michigan
US District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
US District Court, Western District of Michigan
US District Court, Northern District of Ohio
US Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals
United States Tax Court
Pro Hac Vice Wisconsin and New York

EDUCATION:

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

Juris Doctorate, Law
1984

Activities and Societies: Delta Theta Phi; Director, Moot Court Board

University of Michigan

Bachelor's degree in general studies with concentrations in literature and economics
1980

EXPERIENCE:

President and CEO (Managing Shareholder)
Abbott Nicholson, P.C.
(2004-2015)

- While continuing to practice law, chaired our elected board; set all agendas; chaired shareholder compensation committee; liaison with bank, benefits, insurance and marketing vendors and consultants; business development/marketing strategies; firm budgets/financial reporting; personnel matters; goal setting and strategic planning.

Shareholder
Abbott Nicholson. P.C.
(May 1991-Present)

- Represented business interests in contracts, business and corporate law, dispute avoidance and resolution, construction, real estate, zoning and land use law.
- Approved as outside counsel for Ascension Health; Amazon; Kettering University; Northern Trust Bank; Rockwell Automation; SmithGroupJJR; St John Providence Health System; and US Bank.
- Tried numerous jury and bench trials in Federal and State courts, conducted arbitrations, mediations and facilitations, motion and pretrial practice involving breach of contract; UCC, supplier disputes, minority shareholder rights, sales commission/non-competes; government contracts, ITAR, real estate, construction, title and land use disputes; foreclosures; pension/ERISA; patents, trademark and trade secrets, business break ups; peer review and licensing.
- Served as legal counsel to closely held organizations re mergers and acquisitions with expertise in issues affecting closely held corporations such as non-competes, stock purchase agreements, minority shareholder rights and corporate compliance matters.
- Trained, credentialed and experienced in providing facilitative mediation services, civil case evaluation and private arbitration.

Associate Attorney
Gandelot, Stoepker & Dickson
(1984-1989)

- Business, tax, real estate, probate, construction, civil trials and misdemeanor court appointments

HONORS & AWARDS:

- “AV” and Preeminent ratings from Martindale-Hubbell
- Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation; Fellow Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association
- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)
- Wayne County Mediation Tribunal case evaluator (1996-present), Business Court case evaluator (2013-present)
- Michigan Super Lawyer 2008-2016 in alternative dispute resolution
- Recognized as a Top Lawyer in Metro Detroit, Commercial Litigation – 2010/2015-2019 by *DBusiness Magazine*
- Leading Lawyer, 2016-2018

PUBLISHED DECISIONS:

- *Mazzola vs Deeplands Development Company No 343878 FOR PUBLICATION, July 25, 2019*
- *Conergics Corporation vs Dearborn Mid-West, 144 AD 3d 516; 43 NYS 3d 6 (2016)*
- *Lawley v. Siemons, 2013 WL 992546 (2013)*

- *Lawley v A&M Logistix, Inc.*, 1998 WL 34182467 (ED Mich Feb 18, 1998)
- *Extrusion Painting, Inc. vs Awnings Unlimited*, 37 F. Supp 2d 985 (1999)
- *Davenport vs City of Grosse Pointe Farms*, 210 Mich App 400 (1995)

OTHER:

- Speaker, Meritas US/Canada Litigation and Labor Joint Fall Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, “Summary Jury Trials, Another ADR Tool in the Litigator’s Toolbox” (2016)
- Speaker, Meritas US/Canada Litigation and Labor Joint Fall Meeting, Washington, D.C., “Factors Contributing to the Decline in Civil Trials” (2017)
- “*Functus Officio*,” Oakland County Bar Journal, May 2018
- “*Extending Arbitration Agreements to Bind Non-Signatories*,” Michigan Dispute Resolution Journal, Spring 2018 (co-authored with Erin R. Cobane, Esq.)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- Chair, Council on Alternative Dispute Resolution, State Bar of Michigan (2018-2019)
- Director, Meritas International Board of Directors (2018-2021)
- American Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association, Eastern District of Michigan
- State Bar of Michigan, Fellow
- Detroit Bar Association, Fellow
 - Judicial Candidate Evaluation Committee
- Oakland County Bar Association
- Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers
- Catholic Lawyers Society, past President
- Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association, past Chairman

SKILLS: Listening; lateral thinking; problem solving; communicating; diplomacy; advocacy

CERTIFICATIONS:

SCAO rostered civil mediator (Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties)

ADVANCED MEDIATION TRAINING:

- **October 2-3, 2015** (8 hours)
 - *The Role of Mediation in Resolving the City of Detroit Bankruptcy* – Eugene Driker
 - *Michigan’s State of the Law of ADR* – Lee Hornberger
 - *Business Development and Marketing Your Practice Using Social Media* – John F. Reed
 - *Recent Developments in the Science of Negotiation* – Barry Goldman

- *New Ideas in Process Design: Meeting the Parties' Needs* – Alton T. Davis and R. Jay Hardin
- *Why Your Market Should Consider Joint Sessions* – Steven Barney, Daniel P. O'Neil, and Sheldon Stark
- *Apology, Forgiveness & Reconciliation: The Mediator's Role in Reparative Discourse* – Lee Taft
- **March 15, 2016** (8 hours)
 - *Advanced Mediation Training* – Nina Meierding (Trainer)
- **September 23-24, 2016** (8 hours)
 - *Michigan's State of the Law in ADR* – Lee Hornberger
 - *Recent Developments in the Science of Negotiation* – Barry Goldman
 - *Managing the Apology in Mediation: Whether, When and How* – Anne E. Bachle Fifer
 - *The Future of ADR in Michigan: An Interactive Dialogue* – Douglas A. Van Epps
 - *Mediation Techniques for Challenging Circumstance* – Paula Manis (Moderator), Elizabeth Bransdorfer, Steven Lett, and Bruce Neckers
 - *How Did I Do: Reflections on a Mediator's Work at the Table* – George Roumell, Jr.
 - *"If it Weren't for You . . .!" How Mediators and Advocates View Each Other* – Richard Hurford (Moderator), Katherine Kennedy, Michael Leib, Lawrence Murphy, and Robert Wright
 - *Mediating High Profile Public Policy Disputes* – Susan Butterwick, William Goodman, William Jack, Jr., Michael Pitt, and Richard Soble
- **October 13-14, 2017** (8 hours)
 - *Michigan ADR Case Law Update* – Lee Hornberger
 - *Effective Techniques for Dealing with Money* – Tracy Allen, Shel Stark, David Kotzian, and Betty Widgeon
 - *Top 10 Ways Parties Sabotage Mediation* – Kevin Hendrick, Jim Rashid, and Toni Raheem
 - *Science of Negotiation* – Barry Goldman and Doug Van Epps
 - *Developing Your Mediation Practice* – John Reed and Bob Wright
 - *Restorative Justice & Use of Circles* – Phillip A. Schaedler, Ann Lauderdale, and Christine Gilman
 - *Med/Arb in Complex Litigation* – George Roumell
- **March 20, 2018** (8 hours)
 - *Harnessing the Power of the Master Mediator* – Lee Jay Berman, Esq.
- **October 12-13, 2018** (8 hours)
 - *Michigan State of the Law in ADR* – Lee Hornberger
 - *Where Do We Go from Here? The Future of ADR in Michigan* – Douglas A. Van Epps
 - *How Did I End Up in the Discipline System When I'm Not Even Practicing Law* – Alecia M. Ruswinckel
 - *"Mom Loved you Best!" - The Keys to Mediating Probate Cases* – Douglas G. Chalgian, John A. Hohman, and Hon. Patrick J. McGraw
 - *"Extreme Honesty": A Demonstration of the University of Michigan HealthCare System Resolution Model in Action* – Richard C. Boothman and Karen Gardstrom
 - *Dealing with Discovery Disputes Under the Federal Arbitration Act, the Michigan Uniform Arbitration Act and the American Arbitration Association Rules* – Janice Holdinski, Samuel E. McCargo, and Martin C. Weisman

- *Exquisite Moments: First Meetings with the Parties - a Demonstration* – Shel J. Stark, Earlene R. Baggett-Hayes, and Caroline N. Gersch Leff
- *Why Should I Believe You: At Last, An Honest Dialogue Between Mediators and Advocates* – Steven L. Barney, Richard C. Boothman, William W. Jack Jr., and Norman D. Tucker
- **March 19, 2019** (8 hours)
 - *Making the Unusual Usual: Topics that Will Enrich Your Mediation Practice* – Dwight Golann
- **June 12, 2019** (8 hours)
 - *Mediating in Diverse and Minority Communities: Insuring the Quality of the Mediation Process* – Carol Izumi, USC Hastings College of Law
- **October 11-12, 2019** (8 hours)
 - *Michigan ADR Case Law Update: Hear the latest from Past Section President Lee Hornberger* – Lee Hornberger
 - *Future of ADR in the Michigan Courts: A View from the Top-receive an inside look from Chief Justice McCormack* – Hon. Bridget Mary McCormack
 - *What are Restorative Practices? Why Should They be Considered? Learn why restorative principles and practices are increasingly relevant and important* – Belinda Dulin, Henry L. McClendon, Jr., Ralph Godbee, Hon. Judge Darlene A. O'Brien, Phillip Schaedler, Alice G. Thompson, and James Widgeon
 - *Who's Afraid of the Big, Bad, Joint Session? Learn why joint sessions can work for caucus mediators* – Lisa Taylor and Zena Zumeta
 - *Mediation of Mega Disputes-all mediators can learn something from the mediation of large cases* – Hon. David M. Lawson, Mike Leib, Paul Monicatti, Antoinette R. Raheem, and Christopher J. Webb, J. D., FESD
 - *Disclosures and Conflicts: Pre-, Mid and Post-Hearing: How Little and How Much is Enough* – Janice Holdinski, Bruce M. Pregler, Esq., Harshitha Ram, Martin C. Weisman, Esq., and Betty Widgeon
 - *I Know What Your Job is!! Redefining the Role of Mediator in Litigation Cases* – Sheldon J. Stark
 - *Microaggressions: Learn What They Are and How They Can Affect Mediation and Arbitration* – Susan Klooz, Harshitha Ram, Betty Widgeon, and Zena Zumeta