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EDUCATION

Villanova University School of Law, Villanova, Pennsylvania – Juris Doctorate
University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana – Bachelor of Science

CAREER HISTORY

Skelly Dispute Resolution Center

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (October 1, 1999 –)

Private practice lawyer and mediator serving as a neutral facilitator, counseling and advising institutions, organizations, businesses and individuals in conflict to resolve disputes, settle cases and negotiate transactions primarily through mediation and arbitration. Areas of expertise include business and commercial, organizational, divorce and family, special education, and church-related disputes.

Successfully mediate a wide variety of cases involving individuals as well as professional practices, business and non-profit organizations.

Arbitrator in private disputes. Served as Chair of a three member arbitration panel for county court arbitration (two year term). (Prior experience as a member of three other panels over the years.) Served as a hearing officer in special education cases (one year term).

Ball, Skelly, Murren & Connell

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (1968 -1999)

A founding partner and managing partner of a general civil practice law firm. Wide variety of cases, both transactional and litigation, in many substantive areas of the law, including: business and commercial matters, real estate, zoning, environmental, professional licensure, constitutional, education, corporations, nonprofit and charitable organizations, health care, employment, tort liability, wills, trusts, estates and estate planning; personal counseling.

Provided on-going counsel to governing boards, officers and key staff personnel for numerous corporate, association, charitable and religious organizations as well as individual clients.

Leadership as managing partner for more than ten years. Directed all facets of management and administration including budget and cost control, supervision and compensation of attorneys and support personnel, fee and retention agreements with clients, acquisition of property and equipment. Organized and facilitated partnership and firm meetings, mentored younger lawyers, developed and expanded firm's general civil practice.

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE / PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Adjunct Professor of Law in Alternative Dispute Resolution and Law Practice Management at Widener University School of Law. (1998 –)

Frequent lecturer and course planner for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and other continuing legal education providers in the subjects of Alternative Dispute Resolution, Legal Ethics and Lawyer Professionalism, and Quality of Life Issues for Lawyers.

MEDIATION TRAINING AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION EDUCATIONAL COURSES

Twenty-eight class hours, Penn State Dickinson School of Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution course (Professor Robert Ackerman), Spring Term, 1996

Forty hours, skills mediation course, Key Bridge Therapy and Mediation Center, Arlington, Virginia (Peter Maida, Ph.D., J.D.), 1996

Forty hours, skills mediation basic course in divorce and family issues, Mediation Matters, Silver Spring, Maryland (Carl Schneider, Ph.D.), 1997

Twenty hours, skills mediation advanced course in divorce and family issues, Mediation Matters, Silver Spring, Maryland (Carl Schneider, Ph.D.), 1999

Fifteen hours, skills mediation workshop, The Center for Dispute Resolution of Penn State Dickinson School of Law (participated as coach in assisting trainers), (Professors Robert Ackerman and Nancy Welsh), 2001

Fifteen hours, advanced mediation training (transformative mediation) Montgomery County Mediation Center (Dorothy Della Nocca, J.D., Ph.D.), 2002

Six hours, Workshop, Pennsylvania Council of Mediators – Managing Emotions in Mediation, (Patricia Jones, Ph.D., Temple University), 2003

Twelve hours, Pennsylvania Bar Institute (Faculty) – Maximize Your Mediations, 2003

Fifteen hours, Special Education Dispute Resolution Training, 2003

Twelve Hours, Dauphin County Bar Association Civil Dispute Resolution Program, Mandatory Training (Faculty/Trainer), 2003

Twelve Hours, Pennsylvania Bar Institute (Faculty) – ADR and Intellectual Property, 2004

Six hours, Workshop, Pennsylvania Council of Mediators – Facilitating Team Development, (Joseph P. Folger, Ph.D. Temple University), 2004

Six hours, Symposium, Penn State Dickinson School of Law – Neutrality and Impartiality in Alternative Justice, (2005)

Five Hours, Special Education Mediation Training, (2006)

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Supreme Court of the United States; Supreme Court, Superior Court, Commonwealth Court and local county courts of Pennsylvania; United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit; United States District Courts for the Eastern and Middle Districts of Pennsylvania.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

American Bar Association (Section of Dispute Resolution; Law Practice Management Section)

Pennsylvania Bar Association (ADR Committee; Professionalism Committee, Immediate Past Chair; Lawyers Assistance Committee)

Association for Conflict Resolution

Pennsylvania Council of Mediators

Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers, Inc. (Member, Board of Directors)

St. Thomas More Society of Central Pennsylvania

APPROVED / CERTIFIED MEDIATOR

United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

Office of Dispute Resolution (ODR), Pennsylvania Department of Education

Dauphin County Bar Association Civil Dispute Resolution Program

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