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EDUCATION

J.D., cum laude, University of Louisville Law School, 1982

Honors: Class Standing - top 10%

Brandeis Scholar

Dean's List, all semesters

B.A., English, University of Louisville, 1974

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 1996 - present, Kentucky Delegate to
National Board of Governors, 2003-present

Certified Arbitrator, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers

Kentucky Chapter, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers,

Vice-President 1999-2001

Louisville Bar Association, 1982 - present, Board of

Directors, 1984; Family Law Section

Kentucky Bar Association, 1982 - present, Family Law Section

Attorney Steering Committee, Citizens for Better Judges

Kentucky Supreme Court Civil Rules Committee, 1988 - present

Kentucky Collaborative Family Law Network, Inc. 2002 - present

American Bar Association, Family Law Section

LECTURES

"Modifying and Terminating Maintenance: Some Surprises", Kentucky Chapter,
American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and Louisville Bar Association, 2004

"Child Support and Maintenance in Large Income Cases", Kentucky Chapter, *American
Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and Louisville Bar Association*, 2002

"Custody, Access and the Voice of Children of Divorce,"
LBA, 1999

"Ethical Use of Trusts and Limited Partnerships" and

"Representing the Corporate Executive," *American Academy of Matrimonial
Lawyers and LBA*, 1999

- "Family Lawyer/Family Mediation Roundtable," *LBA*, 1999
- "Discovery and Disclosure," American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, *KBA and LBA*, 1998
- "Family Law Litigation in Kentucky," *National Business Institute*, 1995
- "Child Abuse and Spouse Abuse: Emerging Theories of Liability," *Kentucky Bar Association*, 1991
- "Child Sexual Abuse Allegations - Evidentiary Issues," Kentucky Alliance for Exploited and Missing Children, 1991
- "Spouse Abuse," *Kentucky Bar Association*, 1991

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION (Past few years only)

- 2004 *American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers*, Chicago, IL
 Standard of Value for Professional Practices and Closely Held Businesses
 Comparative Types and Forms of Alternative Dispute Resolution
 The Use of Behavior Science Specialists in Contested Child Custody Cases
- 2004 *7th Annual Family Law Seminar, Kentucky Chapter AAML and LBA*,
 Louisville, KY
 Family Law and the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act
 Child Support Deviations: Big, Small, and All Around
 Recognition of Same-Sex Partnerships - What Is in Store for Kentucky?
 Common Problems for Family Law Practitioners and Ethics 2000 on the Horizon
 Classification and Division of Stock Options
 Negotiating Skills for Family Law Attorneys
 Law Office Management and Technology
 Criminal Matters in Child Support
 Domestic Violence and Immigration - New Skills for the Active Family Law
 Care and Feeding of Your Financial Expert: How to Work Ethically and
 Effectively for Maximum Results
 Domestic Violence and Custody - Its Evolution in 2004
- 2004 *AAML Matrimonial Arbitration Training Institute*, Louisville, KY
 Scope of Matrimonial Arbitration; History and Development
 Statutory Overview and Case Law
 Advantages and Disadvantages of Matrimonial Arbitration
 Uniform Arbitration Act and Selected State Statutes
 Ethical consideration for Arbitrators
 Arbitration Agreements and Court Orders for Arbitration
 Preparing for Arbitration as a Litigator; You and Your Client
 Conducting a Successful Arbitration; Facilities, Decorum
 and Procedures
 Entering Judgments and Post-Judgment Issues
 Arbitration Fees and Costs
 Judicial Immunity
 Techniques of Effective Award Writing
 Drafting of Arbitration Awards

- 2003 *American Bar Association Section of Family Law, 2003 Fall CLE Conference, Seattle, WA*
Trusts: Creativity in Dividing Marital Property
Sleuthing in Seattle: Seizing and Deciphering Computer Evidence
Competency Issues in Divorce, Custody and Guardianship Cases
Marital Stew: Commingling and Tracing Assets in
Divorce: His, Hers or Theirs
Catch Me If You Can or Who Really Owns the Property?
- 2003 *6th Annual Family Law Seminar, Kentucky Chapter AAML and LBA, Louisville, KY*
Disability, Retirement and Pensions
What Judges Need to Know to Decide Complex Financial Issue Cases
Complex Financial Issue Cases - The Judge's Perspective
A Vision for Kentucky's Family Courts After the Constitutional Amendment
Military Benefits: A Trap for Unwary Lawyers and Judges
Rehabilitative Maintenance - Not Always in Kentucky
Dissipation & Fault Maintenance
The Complex Financial Case - Get a Grip and Analyze the Tax Returns
Pre-Nuptial Agreements: Status in Kentucky
Ethics, Bounds of Advocacy and Challenges
Evaluation of Closely Held Business
- 2003 *LBA Family Law Section, Louisville, KY*
Changes in Jefferson Family Court Due to Passage of the
Constitutional Amendment
- 2002 *American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Chicago, IL*
Federal Wiretapping Laws and Related Topics
Federal Legislation - Employee Benefit Reforms
Accounting Standards and Practice: Changes and Impact on Family Law
Changing Tides in Compensation
Ethics Jeopardy
The Executive Mine Field: Are the Time Bombs Real or Imagined
Soldiers & Sailors Relief Act
Indian Welfare Act
Drug Testing & Related Federal Issues
Children's Passports & Travel Restrictions - An Update
Relocation
Laws Relating to Mental Health
Federal Gun Control Laws and Temporary Orders and
Family Violence Orders
Federal Tax Laws - An Update
Bankruptcy - An Update
How Attorneys Can Evaluate Custody Evaluations
Management of a Family Law Practice
Preparing and Presenting Using Charts, Graphs, Etc.
Hague Convention

Anderson, Enron - A Unique Perspective

- 2002 *Collaborative Family Law Workshop, Louisville, KY*
Traditional Practice of Family Law
History of Collaborative Family Law
Shifting the Paradigm - Becoming a Collaborative Lawyer
The Interest-Based Negotiation Model
Collaborative Communication
The Initial Client Interview
Role Play - The Initial Client Interview
The Collaborative Four-Way Settlement Conference
Role Play: Client Preparation for the Four-Way
Role Play: Attorneys Preparation for the Four-Way
Role Play - Four-Way Settlement Conference
Professionalism
- 2002 *Kentucky Chapter, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and Louisville Bar Association, Louisville, KY*
Collaborative Divorce Law Training
Parental Alienation in High-Conflict Cases
Model Family Courts and the Role of Lawyers in Kentucky
Unspoken Marriage Agreements and Their Impact on Divorce
Panel of Ethical Issues in Alternative Dispute Resolution
Divorce Taxation
Dissipation Claims in Dissolution Cases
- 2001 *American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Chicago, IL*
How to Give the Present a Past, Marriage from 1950 to 2000
The Emerging 21st Century Family
Stepparents and/or Rights of Children
The Politics of Sex
Rights of Lesbian and Gay Parents and Their Children
Bio-Ethics
The Development of New Technologies in Human Reproduction
How to Examine and Cross-Examine a Psychologist
International Law
Business Valuation/AICPA Presentation
- 2001 *Louisville Bar Association and University of Louisville School of Law*
PowerPoint Proficiency in the Practice of Law
- 2001 *Louisville Bar Association and University of Louisville School of Law*
Custody Evaluation and Parenting Schedules
- 2001 *Kentucky Chapter, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and LBA, Louisville, KY*
Thinking Tools for Lawyers, Technology for Family Law,
Especially Multidimensional Tools and Mindmapping

Child Support guidelines and Deviations, Particularly in Equally
Shared Parenting Time Schedules
The Joys of Settlement Part II
A Vision for Family Court-The Rule of Law
Custody Testing with Interactive Discussion of Rorschach
The Joys of Ethics

2000

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Chicago, IL
Exotic Executive Compensation, How to Discover, Value,
Negotiate, Divide and Protect Against Hidden Tax
Consequences
Uniform Parentage Act
Cutting Edge Progress to Strategize, Organize and
Present Your Case
Communication Arts for the Professional
Statements from Children - can they be trusted

2000

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and LBA, Lexington, KY
Third Annual Family Law Seminar
Business Appraisals for the Advanced Practitioner
Preparing Your Client for Mediation
Working with the Experts
New Innocent Spouse Rules
Divorcing the Military and Civil Service Employees
Third Party Access for Children
Highlights from the General Assembly 2000

1999

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Chicago, IL
Children in the Underground
Computer Tips for the Family Law Lawyers
Federalization of Family Law
Very Advanced Business Appraisals
Advance Trial Techniques

1999

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and LBA, Louisville, KY
Second Annual Kentucky Family Law Seminar
Children of Divorce
Current Trends in Custody
Proposed Legislation on Custody and Parenting
Defacto Custodian
Missing Assets
QDRO's
Divorce vs. Bankruptcy
COBRA/QMCSO
Tort Claims
Tax Issues

- 1998 *American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers - Chicago, IL*
Mental Health Professionals and the Legal System Including Ethical Issues;
Special Concerns of Children;
Creative Custody Strategies & Arrangements;
Valid/Invalid Sexual Abuse Allegations and the
Ethical Considerations;
Management of the Big Property Cases;
Representing the Corporate Executive;
Ethically Attacking and Defending the Use of Trusts
to Reduce the Marital Estate;
When Worlds Collide - Divorce v. Bankruptcy;
Tax Issues Related to Sale of a Residence and Attorneys'
Fees Allocated to Preservation of Property;
Division of the Large Marital Estate;
Valuation of Professional and Celebrity Goodwill
- 1998 *American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, LBA and UK,*
Louisville, KY, First Annual Kentucky Family Law Seminar
Revolution in Relocation: New Major Decisions, Commentary on
Clauses, Advanced Techniques and Trial Strategy;
Parental Alienation Syndrome: Case Notes and Practice Pointers;
A Vision for Family Court;
Obtaining Attorney Fee Awards;
How to Classify, Value and Divide Non-Vested Assets;
Dirty Tricks, Hardball and Officers of the Court;
Mediation and the Family Lawyer;
Child Support Guidelines;
Child Support Outside the Guidelines;
Discovery & Disclosure;
Valuation of Marital Property;
Guardian Ad Litem Guidelines for Attorneys Representing
Children in Custody and Visitation;
Current Law in Kentucky on Joint Custody;
1997 Tax Consequences Affecting Family Law;
Non-Parental Visitation Rights;
Private Adoptions in Kentucky
- 1998 *Women Lawyers Association - Legal Ethics*
- 1998 *Kentucky Bar Association - 1998 Kentucky Law Update*
- 1997 *University of Kentucky - Family Law Institute*
Development in Domestic Relations Law;
Tax Considerations Attendant to the Typical Domestic Relations/Divorce Case;
Use and Misuse of Qualified Domestic Relations Orders;
Bankruptcy Planning in Domestic Relations;
Representing Parties in Family Law Matters Involving Child Sexual Abuse;
Parent Relocation Issues: Revolution in Relocation;

Specificity and Flexibility in Custody Rulings;
Time Sharing for Parents and Children;
Dealing with Mental Health Experts in Domestic Relations Cases;
Family Law Practice Ideas to the Year 2000 and Beyond;
Professional responsibility and Domestic Relations Practice

1997 *Women Lawyers Association* - Legal Ethics

1996 *American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers* - Chicago, IL
Matrimonial Law;
Using Financial Planning Techniques in Divorce Trials to Obtain High
Maintenance Awards & Other Benefits;
Drafting Marital Agreements in Anticipation of Estate Planning Issues;
Creative Use of QDROs in Divorce Planning;
Who Gets Custody of Uncle Sam (Drafting to Avoid Taxes)
Strategies for Outlining High Maintenance Awards;
Re-examining Joint Custody;
Relocation: Moving Forward or Moving Backwards?;
Joint Custody: Practice Pointers and Consideration;
Fault: Should It Return to Our Cases and, if so, Where and When;
Valuation of Professional Service Practice

1996 *Jefferson Family Court* - Jefferson Family Court Rules

1996 *Louisville Bar Association Center for Continuing Legal Education* -
Basic Legal Guide to the Internet

1996 *Kentucky Bar Association*, 1996 Convention