

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

J.D., magna cum laude, Brandeis School of Law, University of Louisville - 1999

Honors: Class standing - top 10%
Brandeis Honor Society
Dean's List all semesters

B.A., University of South Carolina

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Louisville Bar Association, Family Law Section
Kentucky Bar Association, Family law Section

SEMINARS

- 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
Modifying and Terminating Maintenance: Some Surprises

- 2004 *LanProse, Inc.*
Advanced Legal Writing & Editing Seminar
- 2003 *Louisville Bar Association*
Child Support in Shared Custody Cases
Maintaining the Financial Status Quo post *Lewis*
- 2003 *American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers,*
Loyola University, Chicago, IL
Institute for Family Law Associates
Getting Started with your Client
File Management
Dealing with Clients, Judges and Opposing Counsel
Reading Financial Statements and Tax Returns
Preparing Client for Deposition
Business Evaluation 101
Pensions and Qualified Domestic Relations Orders
Discovery
Preparing Exhibits, Handling Evidentiary, Proceedings, Arguments and Objections
- 2003 Annual Family Law Nuts & Bolts of Divorce Seminar
Louisville Bar Association / U of L School of Law
Practical Divorce from Start to Finish
Lawyers Mutual Ethics
Temporary and Permanent Child Support, Maintenance and Prenuptial Agreements
Attorney and Paralegal Prospective on Qualified Domestic Relations Orders
Hague Abduction Convention
Domestic Violence Orders and Restraining Orders
Perspectives from the Bench

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

2003 - present, Associate Attorney, Diana L. Skaggs & Associates

October 2000 - December 2002, Associate Attorney, Seiller & Handmaker, LLP

August 1999 - December 1999, internship with Judge Lisabeth Hughes Abramson, Circuit Court

January 1999 - July 1999, Criminal Justice internship under Joseph P. Gutmann, Assistant Commonwealth Attorney, Louisville, KY

Spring 1997-1999, Volunteer with Teen Court; assisted teen advocates in preparing their cases for trial

1997, Certified Mediator

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