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Education:

Graduated from Ohio University, Summa Cum Laude, B.S. Ed.1972

- English major; Sociology minor

Graduated from The University of Akron School of Law, Juris Doctor
1978

- Admitted to practice in the U.S. Supreme Court; Federal District Court; Federal Appeals Court; and all Ohio Courts, including the Ohio Supreme Court

Current Positions:

Senior Lecturer, Kent State University, Kent Campus, 2016 to present

Mediator, Stark County Court of Common Pleas, 2005 to Present

Member, The Judge and Mrs. Robert D. Horowitz Legal Scholarship Fund Review Committee, 2004 to Present

Member, Stark County Public Defender Commission, 2018 to Present

Speaker, Various Law Related Seminars & Events

Previous Positions:

Associate Lecturer, Kent State University, Kent Campus, 2013 to 2016

Lecturer, Kent State University, Kent Campus, 2004 to 2013

Undergraduate Coordinator for Criminology & Justice Studies Program, Department of Sociology 2011 to 2014

Adjunct Faculty, Kent State University, Kent Campus, 1982 to 2004

Stark County Prosecutor's Office 1985 to 2004

- Interim Stark County Prosecutor 2003
- Chief Counsel with supervisory responsibility over all divisions in the office 1991 to 2004
- Chief Trial Counsel, Criminal Division
 - Prosecuted accused murderers (including capital murder cases), rapists, drug dealers, and other felons
- Chief of Appellate Division
- Chief of Civil Division
 - Represented county and township offices, local school boards, and other public offices and boards in state and federal labor & civil court cases

Stark County Public Defender Office

- 1980 to 1984: Director
- 1975 to 1980: Chief Investigator, Staff Attorney, Assistant Director
 - Numerous criminal trials, including 25 homicide trials and 2 capital murder cases for the defense

Private Practice of Law focusing on civil litigation (federal and state courts)

- 1984 to 2008
- Personal injury, divorce, business, First Amendment, public records & open meetings, and probate cases

Mediator: Private mediation practice, 2005 to present

Writer: Monthly column for The Repository newspaper (Canton, Ohio), December 1995 to 2011

- Subjects have included law, politics, ethics, teaching, life

Arbitrator: Over 200 civil cases

Trial Experience: Approximately 100 jury trials (criminal, civil, state and federal courts)

Appellate Court Cases: Argued approximately 75 cases (Ohio 5th District & Ohio Supreme Court)

Speaker at numerous seminars and conferences throughout Ohio:

- Trial strategy and tactics
- Closing argument
- Criminal procedure
- Public records law
- Open meetings law
- Ethics
- Other civil and criminal legal issues
- Politics & Election Issues

High School English Teacher, Lancaster, Ohio, 1973, 1974

Classes Taught at Kent State University:

- Criminal Procedure & Evidence
- Criminal Law
- Court Functions
- Seminar: Advanced Criminal & Legal Issues
- Seminar: Law in Literature
- Seminar: Understanding Criminal Law Through Fiction
- Civil Law and Procedure
- Civil Justice

Miscellaneous Information:

- Proposed and developed two new upper division discussion and writing intensive seminar classes:
 - Seminar: Law in Literature (now titled: Seminar: Understanding Criminal Law Through Fiction)
 - Seminar: Advanced Criminal & Legal Issues
- Nominated for Outstanding Teacher Awards
- Received Graduate's Applause Certificate of Achievement Awards
- Received Student Accessibility Services Recognition Awards
- Supervised Individual Investigations,
- Advisor, Senior Honors Thesis Projects

- Advisor, Individual Honors Work
- Faculty mentor for students participating in Political Science Department Columbus Program
- Member of Department Handbook Revision Committee
- Member of Department Academic Complaint Committee
- Guest Speaker at AT&T Classroom, Moulton Hall for high school and college students on trials and law related subjects
- Speaker at Criminology & Justice Studies classes and clubs
- Completed Kent State University Advising Seminar
- Completed Kent State University online professional development seminars
- Completed Kent State University seminars on Blackboard, Canvas, and online teaching
- Attend a minimum of 24 hours continuing legal education seminars per biennium