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**Education**

**UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL.** Chicago, Illinois. Received J.D. in June, 1976...Historian, The International Legal Fraternity of Phi Delta Phi...Law Students Association First-Year Student Representative...Participation in Woodlawn Criminal Defense Service...Participation in Mandel Legal Aid Clinic.

**CLAREMONT COLLEGE.** Claremont, California. Received B.A. degree in June, 1973, majoring in Economics and Mathematics...Dean's List and Distinguished Scholar's List...Orientation Committee... Big Brother...President, Claremont Economics Association... President, Claremont Pre-Law Society...Varsity Baseball.

**Employment**

July, 1985 to Present	<b>PROFESSOR, GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW</b> Teaching and research areas include Sales, Contracts, Debtor-Creditor Relations, Commercial Law, Secured Transactions, Commercial Paper, Civil Practice and Procedure, Domestic Relations, and Litigation.
July, 1993 to June, 1997	<b>ASSOCIATE DEAN, GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW.</b> Responsible for academic and student affairs of the College of Law.
Sept., 1993 to Sept., 1994	<b>ACTING DIRECTOR OF LITIGATION PROGRAM, GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW.</b> Responsible for direction of the College of Law's mandatory Litigation Program for second year students.
August, 1984 to May, 1985	<b>ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW.</b> Taught Litigation and Trial Practice to second and third year law students.
June, 1976 to June, 1985	<b>ATTORNEY WITH LAW FIRM OF TROUTMAN, SANDERS, LOCKERMAN &amp; ASHMORE</b> in Atlanta, Georgia. Litigation Department. Specialized in corporate and commercial litigation. Areas of litigation included Contracts, Securities, Real Estate,

Domestic Relations, U.C.C., Constitutional Law, Construction Law, Personal Injury, and Products Liability. Also assisted in the training of junior associates with the firm.

### **Teaching Awards**

2010-2011 Outstanding Law Professor of the Year Award  
2006-2007 Outstanding Law Professor of the Year Award  
2000-2011 Law School Hooding Team (Four faculty selected by graduating law students)  
2002-2003 Outstanding Law Professor of the Year Award (Runner-up)  
2001-2002 Outstanding Law Professor of the Year Award (Runner-up)  
2000-2001 Outstanding Law Professor of the Year Award (Runner-up)  
1998 GSU Outstanding Faculty Achievement Award (Nominated)  
1997 Regents Teaching Excellence Award (Nominated)  
1995-1996 "Best Use of the Socratic Method" Teaching Award  
1993-1994 Outstanding Law Professor of the Year Award (Runner-up)  
1992-1993 Outstanding Law Professor of the Year Award (Runner-up)  
1991-1992 Outstanding Law Professor of the Year Award  
1989-1990 Outstanding Law Professor of the Year Award  
1984-1985 Litigation Professor of the Year Award

### **Professional Service**

JUDGE, MAGISTRATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY. Judge in the Magistrate Court of DeKalb County. Preside over dispossessory actions and civil cases where the amount in controversy is less than \$15,000. Also preside over preliminary hearings, set bonds, and approve or deny applications for arrest and search warrants (1985-Present)

JUDGE, STATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY. Preside over arraignments and jury and non-jury trials by special designation as *pro hac vice* Judge, State Court of DeKalb County (1985-Present)

Program Instructor and Advisor, Kessler-Eidson Program for Trial Techniques at Emory Law School (2010)

Moderator, Justice Stevens' Legacy, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting (2010)

Moderator, Government Powers and Individual Rights Panel, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting (2007)

Program Instructor and Advisor, Georgia Law School Consortium Fellowship Program, State Bar of Georgia/Georgia Supreme Court (Annual six-week program for at-risk entering law students) (2002-Present)

Program Instructor and Advisor, Council on Legal Education Opportunity, American Bar Association (2004-Present)

Legal Commentator, Guest Host and Commentator; Court Radio WAOK-AM (Twelve Appearances) (2005, 2006)

Panelist, Minorities in the Judiciary, National Bar Association

Annual Convention (2005)  
Program Instructor and Panelist, Annual Jury Trial Seminar, State Bar of Georgia (2003)  
Chairman and Lecturer, Contract Formation and Administration Seminars, 1988 (series of five one-day seminars)  
Lecturer, Georgia Rules of Evidence Seminar, State Bar of Georgia (February, 1987)  
Co-Chairman, Georgia Practice and Procedure Seminar, State Bar of Georgia (May, 1986)  
Co-Chairman, Georgia Practice and Procedure Seminar, State Bar of Georgia (September, 1986)  
Lecturer, BAR/BRI Bar Review Course  
Arbitrator, State Bar of Georgia  
Arbitrator, American Arbitration Association  
Arbitrator, Fulton County Superior Court  
Judge, Frederick Douglas Moot Court Competition

### **Public Service**

Presentation and Lecture, The Galloway School (2008)  
Presentation and Lecture, Washington High School, Career Day (2007)  
Presentation and Lecture, North Atlanta High School, Law Week (2006)  
Member, Georgia Athlete Agent Regulatory Commission (Appointed by Governor) (1987-2002)  
Chairman, Georgia Athlete Agent Regulatory Commission (1990-91)  
Vice-Chairman, Georgia Athlete Agent Regulatory Commission (1989-90)  
Member, Knights of Columbus  
Director, Little League Baseball at Exchange Park in Decatur

### **University Service**

Senator, Georgia State University (2009 to Present)  
Member, Ben F. Johnson Public Service Award Selection Committee (2007, 2008, 2009)  
Member, GSU Committee on Criminal Background Task Force (2007)  
Chair, Faculty Honor Court Panel (2007)  
Member, Faculty Honor Court Panel (2005, 2006)  
Member of various University and Law School committees including Admissions, Awards, Advisory, Athletics, Budget, Faculty Recruitment, Student Affairs, Faculty Affairs, Minority Summer Clerkship Program, Curriculum, Faculty Grievance, Student Awards Selection, Grant Application, and Honor Court (1985-Present)  
Member, Public Interest Law Association Fellowship Selection Committee (2005, 2006)  
Member, Dean Evaluation Committee (2006)  
Member, Dean Evaluation Committee (1999)  
Chairman, Space Planning Committee (1992-1996)

Member, Dean Search Committee of the College of Law (1991, 1995)  
Panelist, Participant as panelist in series of Forums on legal education sponsored by the G.S.U. Chapter of the Black Law Students Associations (1990)  
Chairman, Ad Hoc Committee on Minority Recruitment, Enrollment, and Retention (1989)  
Lecturer, Summer Skills Program for entering minority law students (1989-1992)

### **Memberships**

American Bar Association  
Georgia Bar Association  
Atlanta Bar Association  
Gate City Bar Association  
Decatur-DeKalb Bar Association  
DeKalb Lawyers Association  
National Bar Association  
Association of Trial Attorneys of America

### **Publications**

"Abandoning the Pre-Existing Duty Rule: Eliminating the Unnecessary", 8 Houston Business and Tax Law Journal 355 (2008)

"Escape from the Battle of the Forms: Keep it Simple Stupid", 11 Lewis&Clark L.Rev. (2007)

"On Ending the Battle of the Forms: Problems With Solutions", 80 Ky. L.J. 815 (1992)

Georgia Methods of Practice, 1993 Supplement (Chs. 1-9, 63-67), West Publishing Company (1993)

Georgia Methods of Practice, 1992 Supplement (Chs. 1-9, 63-67), West Publishing Company (1992)

Georgia Methods of Practice, 1991 Supplement (Chs. 1-9, 63-67), West Publishing Company (1991)

Georgia Methods of Practice, 1990 Supplement (Chs. 1-9, 63-67), West Publishing Company (1990)

"Georgia Civil Practice and Procedure," Georgia Methods of Practice, Chapters 3-9, pp. 124-225, West Publishing Company (1989)

"Creditors' Rights in Georgia," Georgia Methods of Practice, Chapters 63-67, pp. 625-689, West Publishing Company (1989)