

## RESUME

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### **JURY AND TRIAL CONSULTANT**

Consultant to civil and criminal trial attorneys pre-trial and in court in the areas of trial strategy, jury selection and voir dire.

Pre-trial consultation may include community surveys, litigation of voir dire and jury selection issues, focus group and other social science research, design of juror questionnaires, and development of voir dire questions and issues.

Trial consultation may also include witness preparation, case strategy, theory and theme development, and assessing effects of pre-trial publicity in applicable cases.

Pre-trial and in-court jury and trial consultation experience in numerous State and Federal District Courts throughout the United States.

Extensive experience with pretrial publicity, having been trial consultant for the defense in State of South Carolina vs. Susan Smith, U.S. v. Theodore Kaczynski, State of Georgia vs. Ray Lewis, U.S. vs. Eric Rudolph, U.S. v. Richard Scrushy.

### **TEACHING POSITIONS**

#### **GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW**

2005-present      Adjunct Professor

#### **NATIONAL CRIMINAL DEFENSE COLLEGE**

1991-present      Trial Practice Institute - Faculty  
Mercer Law School, Macon, Georgia

1991-1999           Advanced Seminar in Case Theory:  
Voir Dire Through Closing Argument  
Faculty  
Denver Colorado; Atlanta, Georgia

### **GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TRIAL ADVOCACY**

1991-2000           Trial Practice Institute - Faculty  
Host : University of Georgia School of Law  
Athens, Georgia

### **INSTITUTE OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE ADVOCACY**

1999                 Trial Practice Institute - Faculty  
Host: California Western University  
San Diego, California

### **WESTERN INSTITUTE OF TRIAL ADVOCACY**

1998                 Trial Practice Institute-Faculty  
Host: University of Wyoming  
Laramie, Wyoming

### **NEW YORK STATE DEFENDERS' ASSOCIATION**

1991-1996           Trial Practice Institute - Faculty  
Troy, New York

### **GUEST/INVITED LECTURES**

(representative list)

2002                 Emory University School of Law - Kessler  
Eidson Program for Trial Techniques,  
Strategies for Successful Voir Dire lecture

1991 – 1999                 Georgia State University, Department of  
Psychology. Guest lecturer as part of  
Applied Psychology coursework teaching  
Psychology in the Law; and as part of the  
College Honors "Psychology in the Law"  
symposia

1992 - 2005                 Georgia State University College of Law  
Guest lecturer on jury selection and

witness preparation - Advanced  
Criminal Litigation course

1996-2001  
Gonzaga College of Law, Spokane Washington  
Externship Program and C.L.E for Spokane  
Bar Association - "Jury Selection  
"Preparing A Client to Testify"

### **CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION LECTURES AND SEMINARS**

(Representative List)

2004  
Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers  
"Who Gives A \*%#&\*#?' - Helping the Jury  
Find the Meaning of Your Case"  
Savannah, Georgia

2003  
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers  
"Tools for Testifying: Using Your Client to  
Communicate Your Theory of the Case"  
New Orleans, Louisiana

2003  
Georgia Association of Trial Lawyers  
"What Trial Lawyers Are Learning From Focus  
Groups About Plaintiff's Cases"  
Atlanta, Georgia

2003  
Atlanta Bar Association, Employment Section  
"101 Uses for a Trial Consultant"  
Atlanta, Georgia

2001  
American Society of Trial Consultants  
Trial Consulting 101  
Williamsburg, Virginia

2000  
I.C.L.E. in Georgia  
Jury Selection in Business Litigation  
Atlanta, Georgia

1999  
Georgia Institute of Trial Advocacy  
Trial Advocacy Seminar  
"Finding the Meaning of Your Case"  
GPTV, Atlanta, Georgia

- 1998 C.J.A. Panel Attorney Training  
"Lessons Learned from The Susan Smith  
Co-Presenter with Judy Clarke  
Estes Park, Colorado
- 1998 Federal Bar Association  
"Communicating in the Courtroom"  
Spokane, Washington
- 1997 South Carolina Public Defender Conference  
"Focus Groups - Hot New Defense Tool"  
Charleston, South Carolina
- 1997 Federal Bar Association  
"Effective Voir Dire"  
Spokane, Washington
- 1996 Institute of Continuing Legal Education  
"The First Basic Principle of Advocacy: Persuasion"  
Atlanta, Georgia
- 1996 Indiana Public Defender Council  
"Strategies for Effective Voir Dire"  
Atlanta, Georgia
- 1995 Indiana Continuing Legal Education  
Foundation, "Jury Selection in a  
Complex Case"; featured speaker  
along with Johnny Cochran.  
Indianapolis, Indiana
- 1995 Georgia Trial Lawyers Association  
Start to Finish Seminar  
"Things That Make A Difference in Difficult  
Cases - Theories and Themes"  
Co-Presenter with Elissa Krauss,  
National Jury Project  
Atlanta, Georgia
- 1995 "Uncensored Advocacy: The Ultimate  
Federal Practice Experience."  
Lecture: Effective Courtroom  
Communications. Denver, Colorado
- 1995 Greater Cincinnati Criminal

- Defense Lawyers Association  
"Forensic Evidence" Lecture:  
Presenting Expert Testimony  
to a Jury. Cincinnati, Ohio
- 1995 The Federal Bar Association.  
"Thrills and Skills: Advanced  
Trial Advocacy." Lecture: "What,  
Me, Put on a Witness?"  
Spokane, Washington
- 1994 "Only the Strong Survive" - Federally  
funded continuing legal education for  
C.J.A. panel attorneys. Lecture:  
Effective Courtroom Communications
- 1994 National Association of Criminal Defense  
Lawyers. Lecture: Addressing the Theory  
of the Case in Voir Dire. Houston, Texas
- 1994 Federal Public Defender, Central District  
Of California - Expert Witness Seminar  
"Integrating the Theory of Defense Through Experts"  
Los Angeles, California

### **PANELS/PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS**

- 1995 The Sixth Annual Forum on the Bill of  
Rights in memory of Judge Robert Vance,  
sponsored by the Federal Bar Association,  
Atlanta, Georgia. Panelist.
- 1991 American Bar Association, Annual Meeting.  
Commission on Opportunities for Minorities  
in the Profession, Litigation Section,  
"Phobia Tort: Maximizing and Minimizing  
Fear." Panelist.
- 1991 *Hormone Research, International Journal of  
Experimental and Clinical Endocrinology.*  
"Salivary Testosterone Measurements among  
Women: Relative Magnitude of Circadian  
Cycles." Vol. 35, 182-184. (Co-Author,  
James M. Dabbs, Ph.D.)

- 1990 *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.  
"Testosterone and Occupational Choice: Actors,  
Ministers and Other Men." Vol. 59, No. 6, 1261-  
1265. (Co-Author, James M. Dabbs, Ph.D)
- 1989 American Psychological Association Annual  
Meeting. Featured Presenter, A.P.A.  
Science Doctorate, Biological and Cultural  
Bases of Behavior: "Testosterone as a  
Predictor of Behavior Differences Among  
Men." (Co-Author, James M. Dabbs, Ph.D.)
- 1988 American Psychological Association Annual  
Meeting. Presenter: "Attributional  
Responses by Victims and Nonvictims."  
(Co-Author, R. Barry Ruback, Ph.D.)
- 1987 Southeastern Psychological Association,  
Presenter: "Throwing Caution to the  
Wind: Attributions by Risk Takers"  
(Co-Author, R. Barry Ruback, Ph.D.)
- 1987 THESIS: "Behavioral Attributions by  
Victims and Nonvictims" Department  
of Psychology, Georgia State University,  
Pullen Library, Atlanta, Georgia

### **PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 1986-1988 Assisted in research design, data  
studies on hormones and behavior,  
emphasis on imprisoned and paroled  
populations. Research funded in part  
by the Antisocial and Violent Behavior  
Branch of the National Institute of Mental Health.
- 1986-1987 Performed psychological and cognitive  
assessments on patients with psycho-  
neurological deficits at Grady Memorial  
Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 1985-1987 Performed psychological assessments of  
"at-risk" adolescents in selected public  
schools in metropolitan Atlanta. Study  
funded by National Institute of Alcohol

Abuse and Alcoholism, Washington, D.C.

## **EDUCATION/TRAINING**

Bachelor of Science Degree with Distinction in Psychology,  
Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia, 1987

Juris Doctor Degree. Georgia University College of Law,  
Atlanta, Georgia, 1995

Basic Mediation Training, Resolution Resources Corporation  
Atlanta, Georgia, 1999

Domestic Mediation Training, Atlanta Divorce Mediators, Inc.,  
Atlanta, Georgia, 1999

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

American Society of Trial Consultants

DeKalb County Bar Association

Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

State Bar of Georgia

## **HONORS**

Recipient of the 2001 *Glenda Hatchett Volunteer of the Year Award*, Truancy  
Intervention Project, Fulton County, Georgia