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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William and Mary,
Williamsburg, VA. J.D., May 1984.
Allegheny College, Meadville, PA. B.A., Economics, March 1977.

BAR ADMISSIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Ohio, 1984; Kentucky, 1987; North Carolina, 1990
North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission: Certification to conduct Family
Financial Issues mediation conferences in equitable distribution cases, June 7, 2000
(renewed annually)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

July 2005 - present President, Hager & Associates Law Office, P.C., in private practice in
Wilmington, North Carolina, limiting my practice to all areas of domestic
relations law (including divorce & custody mediation, collaborative divorce,
traditional negotiation, and litigation).

July 1995 - June 2005 Sole Practitioner in Wilmington, North Carolina, in private practice handling
domestic relations matters (with emphasis on custody/visitation, support, and
domestic violence), workers' compensation claims (until 2003), and other civil
litigation.

May 1990 - June 1995 Associate Attorney, Law Offices of Alexander M. Hall, Wilmington, NC.
Assisted Mr. Hall in private practice handling personal injury actions, workers'
compensation claims, domestic relations matters, and other civil litigation.

May 1987 - Nov. 1989 Attorney, Northeast Kentucky Legal Services, Inc., Ashland, Kentucky.
Represented low-income clients in domestic violence, custody and divorce matters;
public benefit, unemployment insurance, and Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
hearings; and debt collection matters. Promoted to Managing Attorney in July 1989.
Served on statewide Legal Services Family Law Task Force.

Nov. 1984 - April 1987 Staff Attorney, Southeastern Ohio Legal Services Program, Portsmouth, Ohio.

CONTINUING EDUCATION (sampling)

- April 2013 “Power Imbalance in Family Mediation,” presented by the Academy of Professional Family Mediators, Atlanta, GA
- Sept. 2012 “All About Children in Divorce,” presented by Dr. Donald T. Saposnek, sponsored by North Carolina Association of Professional Family Mediators, Greensboro, NC (6 hours)
- Aug. 2012 Lavendar Law Conference, including pre-conference Family Law Institute, presented by The National LGBT Bar Association, Washington, DC
- Feb. 2012 “Money Matters: Family Law Intensive Seminar,” North Carolina Bar Association Family Law Section CLE program, Wrightsville Beach, NC (12 hours)
- Nov. 2011 “Special Topics in High Conflict Divorce and Parenting Coordination,” presented by the Center for Cooperative Parenting and the North Carolina Psychological Association, Chapel Hill, NC (6 hours)
- Sept. 2011 Comprehensive Interdisciplinary Collaborative Law Training, by Pamela Donison, Mark Springfield, and Dr. Brian Mackey, Wrightsville Beach, NC (15.5 hours)
- April 2011 “Not so Fast, Bub: The ‘End Game’ in Family Law Litigation,” North Carolina Bar Association Family Law Section CLE program, North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina (6.5 hours)
- Aug. 2010 Lavendar Law Conference, including pre-conference Family Law Institute, presented by The National LGBT Bar Association, Miami Beach, Florida (7.5 hours)
- June 2010 “Dilemmas of Working with High Conflict Families: Who, What, When,” presented by Dr. Helen T. Brantley, presented by North Carolina Association of Professional Family Mediators, Browns Summit, NC (2 hours)
- May 2010 “In the Trenches: Understanding and Preparing for Custody Litigation,” North Carolina Bar Association Family Law Section CLE program, Charleston, South Carolina (6.5 hours)
- Sept. 2009 “The Divorced Parent’s Relationship: Helping Parents Adjust Boundaries and Enhance Skills,” presented by Dr. Isolina Ricci, sponsored by North Carolina Association of Professional Family Mediators, Browns Summit, NC (5.5 hours)

- May 2008 “Reconceptualizing Child Custody: Past, Present and Future – Lawyers and Psychologists Working Together,” presented by ABA Family Law Section and American Psychological Association, Chicago, Illinois (15 hours)
- Sept. 2007 Client-Centered Divorce Mediation Training presented by Chip Rose, J.D., sponsored by North Carolina Association of Professional Family Mediators, Greensboro, NC (5.5 hours)
- Oct. 2006 Parenting Coordinator Training presented by North Carolina Bar Association in cooperation with the Center for Cooperative Parenting, Atlantic Beach, NC (24 hours)
- March 2004 Successful Mediations CLE program presented by Dispute Resolution Section of the North Carolina Bar Association, Cary, NC (4 hours)
- Oct. 2002 Divorce Mediation Training for Professionals presented by Elizabeth Manley of Atlanta Divorce Mediators, Inc., Wilmington, NC (40 hours; also taught segment on domestic relations law in North Carolina)
- Feb. 28 - Annual Conference, Association for Conflict Resolution – Family Section,
Mar. 2, 2002 Savannah, Georgia (attended 14 hours of seminars on family and custody mediation)
- May 2000 Family Mediation Training presented by Community Mediation Center of Cape Fear, Wilmington, NC (attended 8 hours on ethics and standards of practice, and mediation of custody matters)
- Oct. 1999 Family and Divorce Mediation Training presented by Mediation, Inc., Raleigh, NC (40 hours)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- July 1990 St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, NC: Member,
to date choir member, Elder serving on Session January 2008 to date.
- April 2012 Frank Harr Foundation, Wilmington, NC: Member, Board of Directors.
to date
- 2003 to EVOLVE Wilmington, a domestic violence prevention initiative of Domestic
2010 Violence Shelter and Services, Faith Community Action Team, Co-Chair.
- Aug. 1990 - Domestic Violence Shelter and Services, Inc., Wilmington, NC:
Jan. 1998 Member, Board of Directors; President Jan. 1996 - Jan. 1998.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association (Family Law Section)
North Carolina Bar Association (Family Law Section)
New Hanover County and Fifth Judicial District Bar Associations
North Carolina Gay Advocacy Legal Alliance
North Carolina Association of Professional Family Mediators
Academy of Professional Family Mediators
International Academy of Collaborative Professionals
Coastal Collaborative Colleagues (founding member)