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EDUCATION

University of Illinois College of Law; Champaign, Illinois.

Juris Doctor, January 1976.
Order of the Coif (top 10%).
Clinical Extern for four semesters:
Champaign County State's Attorney; and Illinois Attorney General.

Michigan State University; East Lansing, Michigan.

B.A., March 1973; Multi-Disciplinary Social Sciences.
Phi Beta Kappa; Honors College.
Member: Anti-Discrimination Judicial Board.

EMPLOYMENT

University of Illinois College of Law; Champaign, Illinois.

1996-present: Clinical Professor of Law; Director, Civil Litigation Clinic.
2002-2003: Acting Director of Clinical Programs.
1994-1995: Adjunct Professor of Law; Welfare Law.
1976-1995: Field supervisor for Clinical Extern students.

Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation, Inc.; Champaign, Illinois.

1991-1995: Senior Staff Attorney.

Represented clients in welfare and social security cases.
Administered law clerk training and attorney pro bono programs.

1977-1991: Directing Attorney.

Administered office which began with five staff serving one county,
expanding to fifteen staff serving six counties.

Administered Legal Services for the Elderly Project serving thirteen counties.

Responsible for community legal education activities, supervising service and impact cases of others, and personally handling a large caseload of welfare, family, consumer, housing and elder law cases.

Developed and administered attorney pro bono programs in conjunction with Champaign and Vermilion County Bar Associations.

Served on programwide and statewide health and welfare task forces, and on programwide management and priorities committees.

1980-1981: Health and Welfare Task Force Coordinator.

1976-1977: Staff Attorney.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Admitted to Practice Law:

State of Illinois Supreme Court. May 18, 1976.
United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois. 1976.
United States Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. 1981.
Supreme Court of the United States of America. 1983.

Member Illinois State Bar Association.
Standing Committee on Delivery of Legal Services, 2005-present.

Member Champaign County Bar Association.
Pro Bono Committee. Participating Attorney in Pro Bono Program
Board of Governors, 1995-1997.
Family Law Committee.

Member American Bar Association.
Standing Committee on Legal Assistants, 1996-1999.

Welfare Rights Clinic, Champaign, Illinois.
Board of Directors, 1983-1990.

Member American Association of Law Schools Section on Clinical Legal Education.

Member Clinical Legal Education Association.

MAJOR LITIGATION EXPERIENCE

Dixon v. Quern, 70 Ill.App.3d 701, 27 Ill. Dec. 228, 388 N.E.2d 1277 (1979).
Johnson v. Quern, 90 Ill.App.3d 151, 45 Ill. Dec. 500, 412 N.E.2d 1082 (1980).
White v. Roughton, 689 F.2d 118 (7th Cir. 1982), cert. denied, 460 U.S. 1070,
103 Sup. Ct. 1524 (U.S. Sup.Ct. 1983).
Carroll v. Miller, 116 Ill.App.3d 311, 71 Ill. Dec. 880, 451 N.E.2d 1034 (1983).
Watterson v. Miller, 117 Ill.App.3d 1054, 73 Ill. Dec. 513, 454 N.E.2d 373 (1983).
Duckworth v. Miller, 127 Ill.App.3d 1088, 83 Ill. Dec. 214, 469 N.E.2d 1148 (1984).
Moore v. Mankowitz, 127 Ill.App.3d 1050, 83 Ill. Dec. 199, 469 N.E.2d 1133 (1984).
Glasoe v. Trinkle, 107 Ill.2d 1, 88 Ill. Dec. 895, 479 N.E.2d 915 (1985).
Gudeman v. Miller, 142 Ill.App.3d 865, 96 Ill. Dec. 953, 492 N.E.2d 195 (1986).
Business Service Bureau, Inc. v. Webster, 298 Ill.App.3d 257, 232 Ill. Dec. 611,
698 N.E.2d 702 (1998).
Business Service Bureau, Inc. v. Martin, 306 Ill.App.3d 907, 240 Ill. Dec. 77,
715 N.E.2d 764 (1999).

Unpublished federal court class actions:

White v. Roughton, 74-165D (C.D. Ill.); contempt judgment (1978).
Crosby v. Califano, 78-3067 (C.D. Ill. 1980); nationwide class action mentioned in
reported fees case: Crosby v. Bowling, 683 F.2d 1068 (7th Cir. 1982).
Bell v. Bartell, 80-2020 (C.D. Ill.); consent judgment (1980), and contempt
judgment (1982).
Henson v. East Lincoln Township, 80-3280 (C.D. Ill.), implementation of 1992
consent judgment is ongoing.
Scates v. Lumpkin, 96-1372 (C.D. Ill. 1995), settlement agreement implemented.

Pending state court class action:

Stewart v. Peters, 97-MR-344 (Champaign County), certified statewide mandamus action.