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EMPLOYMENT

15B GUARDIAN AD LITEM ATTORNEY (1992 TO PRESENT)

Advocate for abused, neglected and dependent children whose families come under jurisdiction of District Court. Began in Chatham County and later retained for Orange County. Legal advisor to Guardian ad Litem (GAL) volunteers.

SELF EMPLOYED (2010 TO PRESENT)

Practice focused on family law with emphasis on Collaborative Family Law. Local misdemeanor and traffic representation.

EPTING & HACKNEY ATTORNEYS

(1993-2010)

- Criminal Defense

Defense work in all misdemeanors before the District Court including assault, alcohol offenses, theft crimes, resisting arrest.

- Traffic

Represent clients in all traffic matters including driving while impaired and death by motor vehicle.

- Post-conviction

Represented clients in petitions for pardon as well as re-sentencing.

- Domestic Violence: advocate for complaining witnesses and defendants.

- Family Law:

Adoptions

Emancipation of juveniles

Litigation of contested family law matters including custody, child support (both party seeking support and party from whom support sought), alimony and post-separation support, equitable distribution, domestic violence, non-traditional family issues and attorney fees.

Family Financial Mediator: serve as mediator for domestic issues

Collaborative Law: recent concept in family law in which both sides contract not to litigate under defined circumstances. Have trained and successfully participated in several collaborative cases.

Civil Guardian ad Litem: appointed to assist court in making custody determination in high conflict custody matters.

Parent Coordinator: appointed by Court to assist in high conflict family law matters including reduction of acrimony, communication between parents and implementation of court order.

- Juvenile Representation:

Abuse, neglect dependency (as attorney for 15B GAL Program)

Delinquency

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY: 15 B
(CHATHAM AND ORANGE COUNTY)

(1986 - 90)

Prosecuted all District Court matters both criminal and traffic and prosecuted felonies in Superior Court. Tried a number of jury trials including child sex offense, theft crimes, drug offenses, kidnapping, as well as non-jury juvenile matters, child support and domestic violence.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY: WAKE COUNTY (1981-1986)

Prosecuted all misdemeanor and traffic cases and felonies in Superior Court. Tried a number of jury trials including serious felonies, kidnapping, child sex abuse offenses. Handled juvenile delinquency, child support and domestic violence.

TEACHING ASSISTANT: UNC CHAPEL HILL (1975-1977)

Taught basic and intermediate Russian language classes.

EDUCATION

JURIS DOCTOR (1981)
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.

MASTER OF ARTS: RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (1977)
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
successfully completed all work with exception of dissertation for PhD.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (1972)
Stanford University, Palo Alto California.

MEMBERSHIPS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Parent Coordinator: 2005 Training required under NC law. Assist District Court in implementation of court orders in high conflict domestic cases.
- Certified Family Financial Mediator: 2005.
- Collaborative Family Law Training: 2005.
- Civil Guardian ad Litem: 2004 Certified for service in civil domestic cases. Report to the court facts and circumstances existing in high conflict divorce cases as they affect minor children.
- National Institute for Trial Advocacy: 1979 Intensive trial skills course.
- North Carolina Child Fatality Task Force: Multidisciplinary, multiagency child fatality prevention system making and implementing recommendations for changes to laws, rules and policies that will support the safe and healthy development of our children and prevent future child abuse, neglect and death

LANGUAGES

Spanish language: 1965 lived in Santiago, Chile.
Facility in Russian, French and Italian.