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20 YEARS OF LITIGATION EXPERIENCE: OVER 100 JURY TRIALS TO VERDICT

2004 to
Present

PRIVATE PRACTICE, Erie, PA

Sole Practitioner

- Primary Concentrations in Family Law & Criminal Law
- State & Federal criminal practice
- Juvenile delinquency
- Divorce, Custody, & Equitable Distribution
- Child & Spousal Support
- Protection from Abuse (PFA) - representing both plaintiffs & defendants
- Adoption
- Represent victims of crime in civil cases
- Criminal Record Expungements
- Civil Litigation
- Personal Injury
- Unemployment Compensation cases
- Business contract disputes
- Wills & Estate Administration
- Appellate practice State & Federal Courts
- Member Erie County Civil Arbitration Panel

2004 to
Present

PENNSYLVANIA STATE EDUCATION ASSOC. (PSEA), Erie County, PA

Legal Services Referral Attorney

- Offer free consultations to all teachers & PSEA members
- Provide reduced hourly fees for legal services to all PSEA members
- Represent teachers & PSEA members in all areas of my practice

2004 to
2006

DEPENDENT CHILD OFFICE, Erie, PA

Guardian Ad Litem

- Represented abused/neglected/delinquent children deemed dependent
- Handled 50% of the caseload for Erie County

1995 to
2004

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Erie, PA

Chief Child Abuse Prosecutor 2001-2004

- Attorney in charge of Children's Advocacy Center
- Reviewed all Erie County Child Abuse Investigations and made charging

decisions for over 300 new cases per year

- Supervised all interviews of child victims and advised on police investigations
- Personally prosecuted Child Abuse cases from charging stage through trial
- Sexual assaults against children accounted for 85% of the case load
- Developed new techniques to help child victims better cope with Justice System
- Co-developed county wide education program for Shaken Baby prevention
- Developed law enforcement training seminars to improve child abuse investigations

Assistant District Attorney

- Responsible for all stages of prosecution in criminal cases
- Case load of approximately 240 to 300 new cases per year
- Oversee Drug/Non-Drug property forfeitures
- Handled all Computer/High Tech crimes
- High profile trials including homicides, death penalty, sexual assaults, prostitution rings, drug violations, thefts, child abuse, aggravated assaults, domestic abuse, vehicular homicide, robbery, burglary, DUI
- Handled all types of Juvenile Delinquency cases
- Appellate Court practice including Oral Arguments before Pennsylvania Supreme Court; Pennsylvania Superior Court; and Federal Court

BAR MEMBERSHIPS:

1995 Pennsylvania Supreme Court
1995 United States District Court – Western District of Pennsylvania
1997 United States Court of Appeals – Third Circuit
1999 United States Supreme Court

EDUCATION:

THE DICKINSON SCHOOL OF LAW, Carlisle, PA
Juris Doctor

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE, Meadville, PA
Bachelor of Arts – Political Science

McDOWELL HIGH SCHOOL, Erie, PA

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Board Member of Allied Pediatric Health - Vice Chairman 2011-2012
Board Member of Northwest Beacon Group / Center for Personal and Family Growth
Member of the Erie County Child Death Review Team
Member of the Juvenile Truancy Task Force
Founding Member of the Collaborative Professionals of Northwest Pennsylvania