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EDUCATION

Northwestern University School of Continuing Education, Chicago, Illinois.
Completed 40-hour divorce-mediation training; obtained Certificate from Northwestern University.

University of Kansas School of Law, Lawrence, Kansas.

Juris Doctor, January 1989. **Admitted to Kansas Bar** and **District of Kansas** May 1989; **admitted to Illinois Bar** November 1997 and **Northern District of Illinois** December 1997.

Activities/Honoraries: Teaching Assistant, Trial Advocacy; Criminal Justice Clinic; Charter Intern, 1988-89 NCAA Women's Enhancement Internship Program; Phi Delta Phi.

Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. Dean's List, nine quarters.

B.S. in Communication Studies (Speech), June 1985.

Activities/Honoraries: Teaching Assistant, Theories of Mass Communication; School of Speech Dean's Advisory Council.

ARTICLES/CLE SEMINARS

- Presenter, "So You Want to be a Child-Support Guru?"; May 5, 2008, Illinois Paralegal Association Annual Meeting
- Author, New Article IX: Child Custody Proceedings, ISBA Family Law Newsletter (Volume 49, No. 9).
- Note Writer, Kansas Criminal Procedure Review (Vol. 5); Comparison Between Proposed Kansas Death-Penalty Statute and Selected State Statutes.

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Selected for inclusion in the 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 Leading Lawyers Network listing of top five percent of Illinois family lawyers.
- Selected for inclusion in the 2012, 2013 and 2014 Super Lawyers listing of top five percent of Illinois family lawyers.
- Selected for inclusion in the 2013 and 2014 The Best Lawyers of America listing of top five percent of Illinois family lawyers.
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- Selected for inclusion in the 2010 Leading Lawyers Network listing of Top Women Lawyers in Illinois.
- Selected as one of the 2011 Top 100 Female Lawyers in Illinois by Leading Lawyers Network.
- Featured in Crain's Chicago Business as one of the top Family Lawyers in Illinois.
- Former Member, HFS Child Support Advisory Committee and Deviation Factors Workgroup.

- Former Member, DePaul University Schiller, DuCanto & Fleck Family Law Center Advisory Board.
- Member, Illinois Bar Association, Northwest Suburban Bar Association, Lake County Bar Association and Chicago Bar Association.
 - Former eight-year member of the Illinois State Bar Association Family Law Section Council; member, CLE and Child-Support Subcommittees, chaired QILDRO Subcommittee; chair Child Support Subcommittee (four times), and former member of Post-High School Educational Expenses Subcommittee; former member of Legislative Subcommittee and Cyber-Stalking Subcommittee.
 - Co-author of two child-support revisions to the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act.
 - Illinois State Bar Association Disaster Legal Assistance Subcommittee member.
 - Northwest Suburban Bar Association Holiday Party Co-Chair; former Domestic Violence Subcommittee member; former Associate Editor of News Briefs.
 - Former ABA/YLD District 22 Representative (15 Kansas and Missouri YLD groups); member, Executive Council; Assistant Executive Council Coordinator; FEMA Liaison/Coordinator for Missouri and Kansas Emergency Legal Assistance for Disaster Victims; Resolutions Committee; Disaster Legal Assistance Committee; Vice-Chair Arts, Entertainment and Sports Law Committee; Vice-Chair, Award of Achievement Committee; Legislative Action Committee; Corporate Counsel Committee; Vice-Chair, 1993 Mid-Year Meeting Organizing Committee; Assembly Resolution Presenter and Management Track Speaker; Vice-Chair, Communications Committee; ABA Entertainment and Sports Industries Forum and Intellectual Property Section; Vice-Chair, ABA/YLD Communications Committee.
 - Kansas Bar Association Nominating Committee and Annual Meeting Planning Committee.
 - Former Member, Texas Bar Association/YLA Disaster Legal Assistance Committee.
 - Former member, CBA and CBA/YLS Social Security Committees. Member, CBA Family Law Committee.
 - Former Johnson County, Kansas, Bar Association Board of Directors, Secretary/Treasurer; JCBA/YLS President, President-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, Membership Chair; Alcohol and Drug Task Force Chairman; JCBA Foundation Secretary, Trustee.
 - Former Member, National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators, National Association of Athletics Compliance Coordinators, and National Association of College and University Attorneys.
 - Received 1993-94 Child Abuse Prevention Coalition Outstanding Community Service Award.
 - Co-Chair (1993) and committee member (1990-95), Valentine Gala (bar charity event for Child Abuse Prevention Coalition).
 - Former Board Member, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Lake County, Illinois, former Board Member, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Johnson County, Kansas, former Board Member, Johnson County, Kansas, Coalition to Prevent Child Abuse.
 - Sustainer, Junior League of Evanston/North Shore, Illinois. Former member, Junior League of Waco/McLennan County, Texas, Junior League of Johnson and Wyandotte Counties, former Chair of State Public Action Committee for Kansas and Missouri Junior Leagues.
 - Awarded 1993-94 "Unforgettable Spirit" Award from the Junior League of Johnson and Wyandotte Counties.
 - Former member, Board of Directors, Waco Humane Society and McClennan County Child Protective Services Board (1995-96).
 - Former Evangelism Chair and Church Council member, Salem United Methodist Church
 - Former Vice-President of Ela Area Newcomers' and Neighbors' Club.