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PROFILE

Key Skills:

- Strong communication skills (both oral and written)
- Excellent research and trial skills
- Solid experience in strategic planning, formulating and administering budgets, organizational development and staff management

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LOUISIANA JUDICIARY COMMISSION

OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, New Orleans, LA

July 2017-Present

Special Counsel

- Provide supervision and direction to a small staff engaged in legal, investigative, paralegal, clerical and other support activities necessary to review, investigate, and prosecute complaints of ethical violations against judges in the state of Louisiana.
- Direct and/or conduct in-depth and confidential investigations of complaints brought before the Judiciary Commission.
- Develop and try cases before the Louisiana Judiciary Commission and present arguments to the Louisiana Supreme Court.
- Prepare and/or assist in preparation of statistical reports for the Supreme Court, judges, state agencies, the state legislature, and the general public.
- Provide continuing legal education and training to judges and justices of the peace.

BLUE WILLIAMS, LLP, Metairie, LA

Of Counsel/Partner

February 2015-June 2017

July 2008-February 2014

- Responsible for all phases of litigation of insurance, commercial and business cases from initial suit to responsive pleadings, written discovery, depositions, pre-trial motions, hearings, mediation, settlement negotiations, trial and appeals.
- Created litigation budgets and worked with in-house counsel to successfully manage cases.
- Toxic Tort/Asbestos Litigation

LOUISIANA JUDICIARY COMMISSION

OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, New Orleans, LA

February 2014-January 2015

Assistant Special Counsel

- Responsible for reviewing, investigating and prosecuting complaints of ethical violations against judges in the state of Louisiana.

- Extensive review of documents, interviewing and taking sworn statements of witnesses, and motions practice.
- Litigated cases before hearing officers, the Judiciary Commission of Louisiana and the Supreme Court of Louisiana.
- Extensive and detailed analysis of fact-intensive situations to determine whether behavior is in compliance with ethical canons.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, New Orleans, LA February 2003-May 2008
Executive Assistant District Attorney

- Managed Child Support Enforcement Division staff of 65, including attorneys, investigators, collection specialists and clerical employees.
- Responsible for formulating and administering annual budget of over \$2 million, implementing and enforcing office policies, and ensuring compliance with state and federal statutes and regulations.
- Worked closely with Louisiana Department of Social Services and other agencies as well as District Court Judges of the domestic division.
- Litigated child support cases at both district court and appellate court level.

SPEARS & SPEARS, New Orleans, LA
Associate Attorney

August 1999 - February 2003

- Defended State Farm and its insured in cases based on automobile accidents and premises liability claims.
- As a smaller part of practice, handled some criminal defense matters as well as other civil matters ranging from domestic issues to contract disputes.

LEBLANC, MIRANDA & DELAUP, Metairie, LA
Associate Attorney

April 1998 - July 1999

- Defended various insurance companies involved in product liability claims, motor vehicle accident claims, premises liability and asbestos claims.
- Extensive experience in drafting motions and supporting briefs.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, New Orleans, LA May 1996 - April 1998
Assistant District Attorney

- Gained experience in Child Support, Juvenile, Magistrate and Trials Divisions of the District Attorney's Office. Handled motions, misdemeanor and felony trials in Juvenile, Magistrate and Criminal District Courts.
- Served as First or second chair for more than 20 trials.
- Promoted to Screening Division to review arrest cases for charging or refusal.

ELIE, JONES & GRAY, New Orleans, LA
Intern/Associate Attorney

June 1994 - May 1996

- Handled personal injury, medical malpractice, employment discrimination, domestic and bankruptcy clients.

EDUCATION & BAR ADMISSIONS

Bar Admission: Louisiana 1994

TULANE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New Orleans, LA 1994
Juris Doctor

DUKE UNIVERSITY, Durham, NC 1991
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

PUBLICATIONS

Blue Williams Newsletter, Vol. 30, No. 1, *Expansion of Louisiana Non-Compete Statute* (Spring 2009);

Louisiana State Bar Journal, Vol. 59, No. 5, Focus on Professionalism, *Chess, Anyone?*
(February/March 2012).

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, Board Member	2015-2017
Laureate Academy Charter School Founding Board, Board Member	2013-2016
New Orleans Food & Farm Network, Board Member	2012-2014
Defense Research Institute, Member	2008-2017
<i>Diversity Committee</i>	2010-2017
<i>Commercial Litigation Steering Committee</i>	2012-2014
<i>Publications Board</i>	2012-2014
Judge Ad Hoc, First City Court	2001-2002
Assistant Bar Examiner, Constitutional Law	2001-2012
Participant, 36 th Metropolitan Leadership Forum	2000
Member, Louisiana State Bar Association	1994-Present
<i>Committee on the Profession</i>	2009-2017
Fellow, Loyola Institute of Politics	1996
First Grace United Methodist Church, Staff/Parish Relations Committee	2018-Present
Crescent City (LA) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated	2019-Present
Krewe of Themis	2020-Present
Ochsner Baptist Medical Center, Board Member	2021-