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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota, Juris Doctorate, June 13, 1982

Law Review: Staff Member, 1980-1981, Editor, 1981-1982, William Mitchell Law Review, 1980-1982

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Bachelor of Arts, June 1979
Honors: Phi Alpha Theta Majors: Political Science

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Walling, Berg & Debele, P.A., Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Shareholder. 1996 - present; Associate 1991-1995.

Mahoney Walling & Kelley, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Associate. 1987 - 1991.

Wright S. Walling & Associates, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Associate. 1986 - 1987.

District Court of Minnesota, Fourth Judicial District, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Allen Oleisky. 1984 - 1986.
Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Rolf Fosseen. 1983.

Lubov & Foster, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Associate. 1982 - 1983.

BAR ADMISSIONS:

State of Minnesota, October, 1982
United States District Court, District of Minnesota, 1982
United States Supreme Court, 1994

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND COMMITTEES:

American Academy of Adoption Attorneys; Fellow, 1992 - present.

Minnesota State Bar; Member, 1987 - present.

Hennepin County Bar Association; Member, 1987 - present.

Juvenile Law Section of Hennepin County Bar Association; 1987-present; Co-chair, 1992 – 1995 and 2002.

Volunteer Lawyers Network; 1991 - present.

American Adoption Congress; Member, 2005 - present.

SELECTED LECTURES/TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND PUBLICATIONS:

HCBA-CLE, Speaker “New and Emerging Issues in Juvenile Law, May, 2002.

American Academy of Adoption Attorneys Annual National Conference – CLE, Co-Chair, April, 2002.

Member of the Minnesota Legislative Task Force on the Uniform Parentage Act, 2001-2002.

Resolve, Speaker “Legal Issues in Adoption”, October 13, 2001.

Resolve, Speaker “Direct Placement Adoption” and “Advanced Legal Topics in Adoption” October 30, 1999.

National Conference on Openness in Adoption, Speaker “Working with Social Workers and Lawyers as a Team in the Adoption Process”, October 9, 1998.

Resolve, Speaker “Direct Placement Adoption”, October 17, 1998.

Volunteer Lawyers Network - CLE, Speaker “Use of Alternative Dispute Resolution in Custody and Dissolution” (June 18, 1996).

Family Law Forum, Publication “Foster Parent Adoption” (Summer of 1996).

MILE topic (March 21, 1996).

Minnesota CLE, “How to Succeed In A Foster Care Adoption” (November 10, 1995).

Volunteer Lawyers Network - CLE, “Panel Discussion on Visitation” (June 27, 1995).

Minnesota State Bar Association Annual Convention, “Adoption Law Update,” Family Law Section Meeting (June 1995).

Resolve, “Direct Placement Adoption” (November 5, 1994).

HSA Foster Parent Association, “Guardian ad Litem Services” (October 29, 1994).

HSA Foster Parent Association, “The Foster Parent’s Role in the Court System” (November 20, 1993).

Minnesota State Bar Association Family Law Section, “Adoption Law” (November 13, 1993).

HSA Foster Parent Association, “How To Advocate For A Child In Foster Care” (November 7, 1992).

APPELLATE COURT DECISIONS:

In Re the Petition to Adopt: C.M.A., 557 N.W.2d 353 (Minn. Ct. App. 1996)

In The Matter of the Welfare of L.A.F., 554 N.W.2d 393 (Minn. Sup. Ct. 1996)

Matter of Custody of S.E.G., 521 N.W.2d 357 (Minn. 1994); see also, Petition of Campbell, 1994 WL 550712 (Minn. App. 1994); Matter of Custody of S.E.G., 507 N.W.2d 872 (Minn. App. 1993) (leading Minnesota Supreme Court case interpreting the Federal Indian Child Welfare Act as it applies to adoption)

In Re Custody of K.E.G., (unpublished) 1994 WL 714350

Matter of Welfare of C.S.C., (unpublished) 1994 WL 273428 (Minn. App., Jun 21, 1994) (case established right of custodial foster parents to intervene in CHIPS case)

Matter of Welfare of D.A.L., (unpublished) 1993 WL 328760 (Minn. App., Aug 31, 1993) (standard of proof necessary to grant an adoption on child’s best interests)

In The Matter of the Welfare of D.H., 1992 WL 203253

Matter of Welfare of J.S., 470 N.W.2d 697 (Minn. App. 1991) (Guardian ad Litem in juvenile court may file a petition for termination of parental rights and still remain Guardian ad Litem)

Durkin v. Hinich, 442 N.W.2d 148 (Minn. 1989); see also Durkin v. Hinich, 431 N.W.2d 553 (Minn. App. 1988) (leading Supreme Court case allowing a third-party nonrelative to bring a custody petition and allow a judge to consolidate a juvenile and custody proceeding into one evidentiary hearing)