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EMPLOYMENT

Walling, Berg & Debele, P.A. Minneapolis, Minnesota

President. January 2001- Present.

Shareholder. January 1996 - Present.

Associate Attorney. September 1991 - December 1995.

Practice devoted exclusively to all aspects of adoption, assisted reproductive technology services, family law and juvenile law in state, federal, and tribal courts; professional licensing board investigations; appeals in all of these areas of practice; and estate planning, including pre-nuptial, post-nuptial, and cohabitation agreements. Practice also includes mediation in all of these areas.

Family and Civil Mediator registered with the Minnesota Supreme Court and Qualified Neutral under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice.

Certified Adoption Mediator, American Academy of Adoption Attorneys.

Selected by peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America since 2001.

Repeatedly designated as a "Super Lawyer" in the Law & Politics survey of lawyers who are tops in their field. This designation has included being named a "Top 40" family law attorney and appellate attorney since 2003, a "Top 100 Minnesota Super Lawyer" since 2005, and a "Top 10 Minnesota Super Lawyer" in 2007 and 2009 (lists of the top 100 and 10 lawyers respectively in Minnesota from all areas of practice).

University of Minnesota Law School. Minneapolis, Minnesota

Adjunct Instructor. September 1993 - May 1995.

Instructor to first-year law students in legal research, legal writing, and appellate advocacy.

Mahoney, Walling & Kelley, P.A. Minneapolis, Minnesota

Associate Attorney. August 1989 - August 1991.

General practice of law consisting of civil and commercial litigation, family law, adoption, debtor-creditor and bankruptcy, corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, appellate practice, probate and estate planning, and real estate.

Minnesota Court of Appeals. St. Paul, Minnesota

Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Edward J. Parker. August 1988 - July 1989.

Responsibilities included legal research, drafting of memoranda, citation checking, editorial work, and review of appellate record.

District Court of Minnesota, Third Judicial District. Rochester, Minnesota

Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable O. Russell Olson and the Honorable Lawrence E. Agerter, Aug 1987 - July 1988.

Responsibilities included attendance at motion hearings and trials, legal research, drafting of legal memoranda and orders, and chair of Olmsted County Law Library Committee.

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Minnesota, October 10, 1987
United States District Court, District of Minnesota, November 28, 1988
United States Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, May 3, 1999
Supreme Court of the United States of America, October 5, 1993
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux (Dakota) Tribal Court, 1997
Prairie Island Mdewakanton Dakota Tribal Court, 1999
Lower Sioux Community Tribal Court, 1999
Upper Sioux Community Tribal Court, 1999
State of Wisconsin, January 2005

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Chicago, IL. (1998 to present)
Member, Collaborative Law and Mediation Committees (national)
Chair, Seminar Committee, Minnesota Chapter (2002-2004)
Member, Board of Managers, Minnesota Chapter (2001-2003)
Member, Legislation and Amicus Committees, Minnesota Chapter
Co-chair, Problem Solving Committee, Minnesota Chapter

Fellow, American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, Washington, D.C. (1996 to present)
Member, Assisted Reproduction Technology Services Committee
Member and Chair, Contested Adoption Committee (2006 to present)
Member, Nominating Committee (2007)
Member and Co-Chair, Mediation Committee (2003-2005)

Fellow (charter member), American Academy of Assisted Reproduction Attorneys (2009 to present)

Member, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (2006 to present)
President, Minnesota Chapter (2009 to present)

Member (by appointment), Minnesota Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure (August 2008 to the present)

Member, Board of Directors, Minnesota Supreme Court Historical Society (January 2010 to present)

Member (by appointment), Minnesota Supreme Court Task Force on Foster Care and Adoption (1996-1997)
Chairman, Subcommittee on Alternative Dispute Resolution
Member, Subcommittee on Putative Father's Adoption Registry (worked with another attorney to draft proposed legislation that ultimately became Minnesota's Father's Adoption Registry (Minn. Stat. §259.52))

Member (by appointment), Minnesota Supreme Court Juvenile Protection Rules Committee (2001 to 2006)
Member (by appointment), Adoption Rules Subcommittee
(Committee also reviewing changes to the Guardian ad Litem Rules)
Member (by appointment), Indian Child Welfare Act and Tribal Courts Subcommittee

Member (by appointment), Minnesota Department of Health Father's Adoption Registry Advisory Group (1997-1998)

Member (by appointment), Minnesota Department of Human Services Uniform Parentage Act Task Force (2001-2002)
Member, (by appointment) Assisted Reproductive Technology Subcommittee (2001-2002)

Member (by appointment), Minnesota Supreme Court ADR in Child Protection Cases Work Group (2004 to 2006)

Member, Board of Directors, Adoption Policy Resource Center

American Bar Association (1987 to present)
(Family Law Section; Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section)
Contributing author for Minnesota to “Family Law in the 50 States: Case Digests,” Family Law Quarterly (2005 to the present).

Minnesota State Bar Association (1987 to present)
(Children and the Law Section; Family Law Section; Elder Law Section; Probate and Trust Law Section).
Chairman (1997-1998), Vice-Chairman (1996-1997), Treasurer (1995-1996), Children and the Law Section Member (by appointment), Combined Jurisdiction Implementation Committee (considering the merger of juvenile, family, and probate courts in the state court system)
Member (by election), Board of Governors (1998 to 2004)
Member (by appointment), Pro Se Implementation Committee (Co-Chairperson of Lawyers Subcommittee (2001-2003)
Co-Chairman (by appointment), Pro Se Implementation Committee (2003 to 2006)
Member, Law and Literature Committee (trained facilitator)
Member (by appointment), Legislation Review Committee
Author, “Juvenile Law Case Notes and Trends” (a monthly column that appears in Bench and Bar of Minnesota, the primary publication of the Minnesota State Bar Association) (2002 to present)

Hennepin County Bar Association
(Family Law Section; Probate and Estate Law Section; Juvenile Law Committee)
Co-Chairman (1995-1997), Juvenile Law Committee
Member, Hennepin Lawyer Committee (1992-1997)
Member, Governing Council (1998 to 2004)
Member (by appointment), Special Committee on Judicial Evaluations (2002 to 2004)

Member, Board of Directors, Hennepin County Bar Foundation (2004 to 2007)

Member, Collaborative Law Institute of Minnesota (2006 to present)

Special Member, Minnesota American Indian Bar Association
Member, Tribal Courts Committee

Volunteer Attorney, Children’s Law Center of Minnesota

American Society for Legal History

PUBLICATIONS

The Due Process Revolution and the Juvenile Court: the Matter of Race in the Historical Evolution of a Doctrine, 5 Law & Inequality 513 (1988).

Editor, Legal Stuff (Hennepin County Bar Association, March 1994 and on-going updates) (publication for students discussing miscellaneous legal issues).

Private CHIPS Petitions in Minnesota: the Historical and Contemporary Treatment of Children in Need of Protection or Services, 20 William Mitchell L. Rev. 781 (1994) (Co-authored with Wright S. Walling).

Post-Decree Custody Modification: Moving Out of State, 10 Am.J. of Fam.L. 183 (Winter 1996) (Co-authored with Nancy Zalusky Berg).

Adoption Law and the Family: Facing the 21st Century, 54 Bench & Bar of Minnesota 37 (December 1997).

A Children’s Rights Approach to Relocation: A Meaningful Best Interests Standard, 15 J. of the Am. Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers 75 (1999) (cited by the Rhode Island Supreme Court in its leading decision on relocation, Dupre v. Dupre, No. 2002-0300 (R.I. July 30, 2004).

Book Review of Christopher P. Manfredi, The Supreme Court and Juvenile Justice (Kansas 1997), 42 Am. J. of Legal History 343 (July, 1998).

Book Review of E. Wayne Carp, Family Matters: Secrecy and Disclosure in the History of Adoption (Harvard 1998), 47 Am. J. of Legal History 110 (January 2005).

The Nuts and Bolts of Amicus Curiae Practice, 11 MSBA Family Law Forum 40 (March 2000).

The Current State of Third-Party Custody Law in Minnesota, 72 The Hennepin Lawyer 18 (September/October 2003).

Adoption Mediation (chapter), Adoption Law: Practice and Procedure in the 21st Century (New York State Bar Association, 2004)

Book Review of Margaret K. Rosenheim, Franklin E. Zimring, David S. Tanenhaus, and Bernardine Dohrn, editors, A Century of Juvenile Justice (Chicago 2002), 44 Am. J. of Legal History 500 (October 2004).

Editor, Minnesota Custody and Child Support Deskbook (Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, 2006).

Author, Chapter 1, "The History of Custody."

Co-Author, Chapter 10, "Tribal Court Practice and the Indian Child Welfare Act in Minnesota."

Author, Chapter 12, "Third Party Custody."

Co-Author, Chapter 22, "Child Abuse Allegations in Custody Cases."

Preuptial Agreements in the United States, International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Law Journal (www.iaml.org/law_journal) Fall 2007 (co-authored with Susan Rhode).

Custody and Parenting by Persons Other than Biological Parents: When Non-Traditional Family Law Collides with the Constitution, 83 N.D. L. Rev. 1227 (2008).

Editor/Revisor, Summary Guide to Minnesota Adoption Law and Procedure: Resources, Timing, and Deadlines, Minnesota Continuing Legal Education (2008).

Children's Issues and Tribal Courts, Family Law Forum, Vol. 17, No. 1, Fall 2008 (Minnesota State Bar Association Family Law Section).

PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, Life and Health Insurance Provisions in Marital Termination Agreements. Drafting Marital Termination Agreements (MCLE, September 1993).

Presenter, Jurisdictional Issues: Types of Actions and Alternative Forums, Child Custody and Placement (MCLE, September 1994).

Co-Chairman and Presenter, Child Custody and Visitation in Minnesota, (National Business Institute, Inc., March 14, 1996).

Presenter, "Open Adoptions," Family Law Series: Adoption Law Update (Minnesota Law & Politics, December 9, 1996).

Presenter, Open Adoptions in Minnesota and Other Developments in Adoption Law, 18th Family Law Institute (MCLE, April 1997).

Presenter, Adoption Law in Minnesota, (Medical Educational Services, Inc., June 19, 1997).

Presenter, Certified Family Law Alternative Dispute Resolution Training, (MCLE, May 12, 1997; July 23, 1997; December 30, 1997; and June 26, 1998).

Presenter, Adoption Law, (Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, May 21, 1998).

Presenter, Children and Mental Health in Minnesota, (Medical Education Services, Inc., September 25, 1998).

Presenter, Adoptions: Can We Ensure They Are for Life?, (National Association of Legal Secretaries National Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 11, 1998).

Presenter, Juvenile Court Issues, Third Party Issues, Grandparent Issues, and Other Unusual Family Law Matters, ADR and Family Law, (Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, December 3, 1998).

Co-Chairman and Presenter, Adoption Law in Minnesota, (National Business Institute, December 8, 1998).

Presenter, An Update on the Putative Father's Adoption Registry, (Hennepin County Juvenile Law Committee, January 21, 1998).

Presenter, Family Law and Teens, Legal Expo 99, (Hennepin County and Ramsey County Bar Associations March 3, 1999).

Presenter, Marketing Your Family Law Practice, 20th Family Law Institute, (MCLE, April 6, 1999).

Presenter, Emerging Discovery Issues in Family Law, (Minnesota Law & Politics, June 8, 1999).

Organizer, Tribal Courts and Family Law in Minnesota, MSBA Annual Convention, Duluth, MN (July 1, 1999).

Presenter, AAAA Mediation Committee Training Session, 1999 Mid-Year American Academy of Adoption Attorneys Meeting, Estes Park, Colorado, (September 23, 1999).

Presenter, Disclosure Issues, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Minnesota Chapter, Divorce Camp X, (October 3, 1999).

Presenter, Child Custody and Time Sharing in Minnesota, (National Business Institute, December 14, 1999).

Moderator and Presenter, Family and Juvenile Issues in Tribal Court, 21st Family Law Institute, (MCLE, March 29, 2000).

Presenter, Effective Marketing of Your Family Law Practice, 21st Family Law Institute, (MCLE March 30, 2000).

Presenter, Mediation and Other Forms of Alternative Dispute Resolution as Applied to Disputes Involving Adoption, 2000 Annual Meeting, American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, Perdido Beach Resort, Alabama (April 28, 2000).

Presenter, The Status of Assisted Reproductive Technology Services in Minnesota, 2000 Annual Meeting, American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, Perdido Beach Resort, Alabama (April 30, 2000).

Presenter, Mediating Third-Party and Grandparent Custody and Visitation Disputes, Family Support Project, (Ramsey County Human Services, May 24, 2000).

Presenter, Adoption Mediation Training, American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, Fort Lauderdale, Florida (February 18-20, 2001).

Facilitator, Law and Literature: Elimination of Bias, 22nd Family Law Institute (MCLE March 20, 2001).

Presenter, Mediation: What is it and Why use it in Adoption Disputes?, American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, San Antonio, Texas (April 26, 2001).

Facilitator, Law and Literature: A Discussion of Personal and Professional Ethics and Bias, MSBA Law and Literature Committee, St. Paul (June 8, 2001).

Presenter, Adoption Mediation: Solving Problems and Developing Good Communication for Adoption, The First International Conference of the Association for Conflict Resolution, Toronto, Canada (October 13, 2001).

Presenter, Fair Hearings and Appeals, American Academy of Adoption Attorneys' Special Needs Adoption Advocacy Training, Savannah, Georgia (October 20, 2001).

Presenter, Child Protection Cases and Appellate Practice, MSBA Children and the Law Section, Minneapolis, Minnesota (March 18, 2002).

Presenter, Assisted Reproductive Technology: What Every Family Law Attorney Should know, 23rd Family Law Institute, St. Paul, Minnesota (MCLE, March 25, 2002).

Moderator, Marketing Your Adoption Practice, American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, Chicago, Illinois (April 27, 2002).

Presenter, Assisted Reproductive Technology: What Every Estate Planning Attorney Should Know, 28th Annual Probate and Trust Law Section Conference, St. Paul, Minnesota (MCLE, June 11, 2002).

Facilitator, Law and Literature: Elimination of Bias, MSBA Annual Conference, Duluth, Minnesota (June 27, 2002).

Presenter, Third Party Custody in Minnesota after N.A.K. and the New Statute, Washington County Bar Association (October 31, 2002) and Hennepin County Department of Family Court Services (November 6, 2002).

Course Chair and Presenter, Best Interests of the Child in Court: Today and Tomorrow, Minneapolis, Minnesota (MCLE, November 18, 2002).

Presenter, Dealing with Difficult Opposing Counsel, The New Lawyer Experience, Minneapolis, Minnesota (MCLE January 6, 2003).

Presenter, Creating Families Through Assisted Reproductive Technology, Adoption, and Third Party Custody, 8th Annual Rainbow Families Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota (February 22, 2003).

Presenter, Psychological Testing in Family Law: The Lawyer's Perspective, Hennepin County Bar Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota (February 28, 2003).

Presenter, Lawyers, Contracts, and Courts: Creating A Legally Recognized Parent-Child Relationship Using Assisted Reproductive Technology, Tenth Annual Infertility-Hoping & Coping Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota (March 15, 2003).

Presenter, Family and Juvenile Law Practice in Tribal Courts, 24th Family Law Institute, Minneapolis, Minnesota (MCLE, April 1, 2003).

Presenter, Creating Families Through Assisted Reproductive Technology, Adoption, and Third-Party Custody, RESOLVE, Minnesota Chapter, Calvary Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota (April 5, 2003).

Presenter, Permanency Mediation in Juvenile Court: Special Issues in Adoption and Child Protection Mediation, 2003 Annual Conference of the Family Law Section of the Association for Conflict Resolution, Denver, Colorado (July 10, 2003).

Presenter, Legal Aspects of Adoption, RESOLVE'S Annual Infertility and Adoption Conference, Eden Prairie, Minnesota (September 20, 2003).

Presenter, Third Party Custody in Minnesota, Tenth Judicial District Guardian ad Litem Training, Anoka, Minnesota (September 23, 2003).

Presenter, Custody Outside the Box: New and Unusual Custody Situations, Family Law Mediation Skills, Hennepin County Bar Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota (December 11, 2003).

Presenter, Creating Families Through Assisted Reproductive Technology, Ninth Annual Rainbow Families Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota (February 28, 2004).

Presenter, When Parents Can't Parent Their Children: Third Party Custody, CHIPS Proceedings, De Facto Custodians, Guardianships, and Adoption, 25th Family Law Institute, Minneapolis, Minnesota (MCLE, March 29, 2004).

Presenter, Legal Aspects of Adoption, RESOLVE Adoption Education Series, Minneapolis, Minnesota (April 10, 2004).

Presenter, Domestic Adoption - - Legal Aspects, RESOLVE of Minnesota Family Building Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota (October 2, 2004).

Presenter, What You Say is What You Get: Oral and Written Communication Skills for Family Law Practitioners, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Minnesota Chapter, Competence & Conscience and Family Law Conference, Breezy Point, Minnesota (October 8, 2004).

Presenter, Adoption Rules 101: What You Should Know about the New Minnesota Rules of Adoption Procedure, MSBA Children and the Law Section, Minneapolis, Minnesota (December 16, 2004).

Presenter, Advising the Disadvantaged: Representing Children in Juvenile, Probate, and Family Court, Minneapolis, Minnesota (MCLE, February 15, 2005).

Facilitator, Law, Literature, Legal Ethics and Elimination of Bias, Minneapolis, Minnesota (Hennepin County Bar Association, February 18, 2005).

Presenter, New Adoption Procedural Rules and Amendments to the Guardian Ad Litem Rules: An Overview and Analysis, 26th Family Law Institute, Minneapolis, Minnesota (MCLE, March 30, 2005).

Presenter, Domestic Relations in the 21st Century, North Dakota Judicial Institute, University of North Dakota Law School, Grand Forks, North Dakota (May 24, 2005).

Facilitator, Law, Literature, Legal Ethics and Elimination of Bias, Minneapolis, Minnesota (Hennepin County Bar Association, June 8, 2005; June 24, 2005).

Presenter, When Parents Can't Parent Their Children: Third Party Custody, CHIPS Proceedings, De Facto Custodians, Guardianship and Adoption, Volunteer Lawyers Network Annual Family Law Seminar, Minneapolis, Minnesota (June 22, 2005).

Presenter, Family Law in Tribal Courts, The Minnesota American Indian Bar Association, Prior Lake, Minnesota (September 23, 2005).

Facilitator, Protecting Your Aspirations: Exploring and Sharpening the Skills to Attain a Balanced Family Law Practice, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Minnesota Chapter, Breezy Point, Minnesota (September 30, 2005).

Presenter, An Overview of Juvenile Court Practice for the Family Law Practitioner, Hennepin County Bar Association Family Law Section, Minneapolis, Minnesota (December 14, 2005).

Presenter, New Minnesota Rules of Adoption Procedure: An Overview and Analysis, Adoption Law and Practice, Minneapolis, Minnesota (MCLE, January 20, 2006).

Presenter, Legal Aspects of Adoption, RESOLVE of Minnesota Family Building Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota (February 25, 2006).

Presenter, Creative Options for Third-Party Custody, 27th Annual Family Law Institute, St. Paul, Minnesota (MCLE, March 29, 2006).

Facilitator, Law, Literature, Legal Ethics and Elimination of Bias, Hennepin County Bar Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota (June 20, 2006).

Course Chair and Presenter, Minnesota Custody and Child Support, Minneapolis, Minnesota (MCLE, September 18, 2006) (presentations included introduction to the course, the history of custody, third party custody, appeals, and child abuse issues in custody cases).

Facilitator, Familyopoly: the Game of Family Law Skills, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Minnesota Chapter, Brainerd, Minnesota (October 12-15, 2006).

Lecturer, Assisted Reproduction Technology Services: an Overview, University of St. Thomas Law School, Minneapolis, Minnesota (March 27, 2007).

Presenter with Sandra K. Hewitt, Ph.D., Child Abuse Allegations in Custody Cases, 28th Annual Family Law Institute, St. Paul, Minnesota (MCLE, March 29, 2007).

Facilitator, Law, Literature, Legal Ethics and Elimination of Bias, Hennepin County Bar Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota (June 19 and 27, 2007).

Presenter, Discussion of Proposed ARTS Legislation, Minnesota State Bar Association, Family Law Section Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota (September 8, 2007).

Presenter with Jody O. DeSmidt, Esq., and Randle Corfman, M.D., Legal Questions about Assisted Reproductive Technology, Hennepin County Bar Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota (February 15, 2008).

Facilitator, Law, Literature, Legal Ethics and Elimination of Bias, Hennepin County Bar Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota (March 20, 2008).

Lecturer, Drafting Contracts in Assisted Reproduction Cases, University of St. Thomas Law School, Minneapolis, Minnesota (March 26, 2008).

Presenter, Responding to Child Protection Investigations in Juvenile Court, Hennepin County Bar Association, Family Law Section, Minneapolis, Minnesota (April 9, 2008).

Presenter, Domestic Adoption 101, Resolve's 2008 Family Building Conference, Midwest Region, Minneapolis, Minnesota (May 17, 2008).

Presenter with Sandra K. Hewitt, Ph.D., Managing Child Abuse Allegations in Custody Cases, 45th Annual Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Conference, Vancouver, B.C., Canada (May 31, 2008).

Presenter, Handling Contested and Disrupted Adoptions, Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, Minneapolis, Minnesota (September 11, 2008).

Facilitator, Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Alternative Dispute Resolution, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Minnesota Chapter, Breezy Point, Minnesota (September 18-21, 2008).

Presenter, Negotiating and Litigating Step-Parent Adoptions, Disrupted Adoptions, and Contested Adoptions, 30th Annual Family Law Institute, St. Paul, Minnesota (MCLE, March 30, 2009).

Presenter, Tribal Court Practice in Child Protection and Custody Matters, 46th Annual Conference, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, New Orleans, Louisiana (May 28, 2009).

Facilitator, Law, Literature, Legal Ethics and Elimination of Bias, Hennepin County Bar Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota (June 11, 2009).

Presenter, Legal Questions about Assisted Reproductive Technology: Drafting Agreements and Establishing Parentage, Hennepin County Bar Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota (June 17, 2009).

Presenter and Course Chairperson, Interstate Custody Disputes: Understanding and Applying the UCCJEA, as part of a larger seminar entitled "International and Interstate Family Law Conflict: Custody, Parenting Time, and Child Support Issues," Hennepin County Bar Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota (September 24, 2009).

Course Chairperson and Presenter, Solving the Most Difficult Problems in Divorce Cases: An Advanced Level Seminar, Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, Minneapolis, Minnesota (November 17, 2009).

Panel Participant, Immigration Law and Family Law: Marriage, Divorce, Adoption and the Rights of Children, Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, Minneapolis, Minnesota (December 10, 2009).

Presenter, Representing Children in Juvenile, Probate, and Family Court, as part of a larger seminar entitled "Advising the Disadvantaged I: A Toolkit for Pro Bono and Public Interest Attorneys," Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, Minneapolis, Minnesota (February 16, 2010).

Facilitator, Law, Literature, Legal Ethics, and Elimination of Bias, Hennepin County Bar Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota (February 18, 2010).

Presenter, Domestic Adoption 101, Resolve's 2010 Family Building Conference, Midwest Region, Minneapolis, Minnesota (March 13, 2010).

Presenter, Interstate and International Custody and Parenting Time Issues, 31st Annual Family Law Institute, St. Paul, Minnesota (MCLE, March 23-24, 2010).

MEDIA APPEARANCES

WCCO Radio. Presentation and question and answer program regarding interstate custody disputes. Minneapolis, Minnesota (1995).

Minnesota Public Radio. Interview regarding the Minnesota Birth Fathers Adoption Registry. St. Paul, Minnesota (1997).

Channel 6, (local cable television) Presentation on Minnesota Birth Fathers Adoption Registry, Minneapolis, Minnesota (1997).

Metro Cable Network. Participation in the “Meet Your Court” program on the topic of “Access to Justice,” with a focus on dealing with unrepresented litigants and unbundled legal services. (December 21, 2005).

Cited in articles appearing in Minnesota Lawyer, Mpls./St.Paul Magazine, Minnesota Monthly, and The Star Tribune.

REPORTED APPELLATE COURT DECISIONS

In Re the Welfare of D.L., 486 N.W.2d 375 (Minn. 1992), cert. denied, 113 S. Ct. 603 (1992) (racial and relative preferences in adoptions).

Weiler v. Lutz, 512 N.W.2d 868 (Minn. 1994) (foster parents’ rights in custody and adoption matters).

In Re the Matter of S.T. and N.T., 512 N.W.2d 894 (Minn. 1994) (racial and relative preferences in adoptions).

In the Matter of the Custody of S.E.G., A.L.W., and V.M.G., 521 N.W.2d 357 (Minn. 1994), cert. denied, 115 S.Ct.935 (1995) (adoption issues under the Indian Child Welfare Act).

Matter of the Paternity of J.A.V., 547 N.W.2d 374 (Minn. 1996) (Rights of putative fathers to assert parenting rights in adoption proceedings after the running of a statute of limitations).

Silbaugh v. Silbaugh, 543 N.W.2d 639 (Minn. 1996) (Post decree custody dispute where mother seeks to remove children to another state).

In Re the Adoption of C.H. and A.H., 554 N.W.2d 737 (Minn. 1996) (open adoption and relative preferences in adoptions).

In Re the Petition of Louis and Carole Santoro for Visitation Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §257.022 (Member of MSBA Family Law Section Amicus Committee), 594 N.W.2d 174 (Minn. 1999) (grandparent visitation).

Rolf Rodgers v. Lisa Rodgers, 622 N.W. 2d 813 (Minn. 2000) (participated as Chairman of Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Amicus Committee) (child support in shared custody arrangement).

In the Matter of the Custody of N.A.K., 649 N.W.2d 166 (Minn. 2002) (third-party custody with relatives upon the death of a parent).

In Re the Matter of A.M.P., 507 N.W.2d 616 (Minn. App. 1993) (consent issues and birth father’s rights in adoption proceedings).

In Re the Custody of A.S.R., 539 N.W.2d 607 (Minn. App. 1995) (review of a referee’s decision and grandparent custody).

Van Meveren v. Van Meveren, 603 N.W.2d 671 (Minn. App. 1999) (intervention as of right of adult child in parents’ ongoing custody dispute as to minor siblings).

Hubbard County Health and Human Services v. Zacher, 742 N.W.2d 223 (Minn. App. 2007) (retained earnings from a closely held corporation are not income to the minority shareholder for purposes of determining child support).

SELECTED UNPUBLISHED APPELLATE COURT DECISIONS

Velasco v. Velasco, 1990 WL 115179 (Minn. App. 1990)

Olson v. Olson, 1991 WL 34683 (Minn. App. 1991) (spousal maintenance)

Pew v. Hope Intern. Family Services, Inc., 1992 WL 25434 (Minn. App.1992) (wrongful adoption)

Wybrow v. Wybrow, 1992 WL 71992 (Minn. App. 1992) (spousal maintenance)

Matter of Welfare of Y.B., 1992 WL 89650 (Minn. App. 1992) (contested adoption and CHIPS)

Evans v. Getty, 1992 WL 160849 (Minn. App. 1992) (domestic abuse)

Aitkin County Family Service Agency on Behalf of Landmeyer v. Demenge, 1993 WL 99453 (Minn. App. 1993) (custody)

Huneke v. Huneke, 1994 WL 111094 (Minn. App. 1994) (spousal maintenance)

In re the Marriage of Long v. Long, 1995 WL 465610 (Minn. App. 1995) (child support)

In re G.J.S., n/k/a G.J.C., 1995 WL 673386 (Minn. App. 1995) (custody)

In re Marriage of Heffelfinger v. Heffelfinger, 1996 WL 453562 (Minn. App. 1996) (spousal maintenance)

In re the Marriage of Schumacher v. Schumacher, 1996 WL 469341 (Minn. App. 1996) (dissolution)

Lofstrom v. Lofstrom, 1997 WL 118121 (Minn. App. 1997) (spousal maintenance)

Knapp v. Knapp, 1997 WL 118142 (Minn. App. 1997) (domestic abuse)

In re Termination of Parental Rights of Edward Landt to J.J.L., 1997 WL 207601 (Minn. App. 1997) (termination of parental rights)

Wilkie v. Wilkie, 1998 WL 113949 (Minn. App. 1998) (marriage dissolution)

Schultz v. Minnesota Bd. Of Psychology, 1999 WL 1101219 (Minn. App. 1999) (denial of psychology license)

In re the Welfare of L.A.M., 1999 WL 1216461 (Minn. App. 1999) (termination of parental rights)

Smith v. Carlson, 2000 WL 760437 (Minn. App. 2000) (custody)

Ramsey County v. Bulman, 2000 WL 1617763 (Minn. App. 2000) (child support)

Musty v. Musty, 2001 WL 826956 (Minn. App. 2001) (spousal maintenance)

In the Matter of the Custody of N.A.K., 2001 WL 1568752 (Minn. App. 2001) (third-party custody).

Ford v. Mostaghimi, 2002 WL 46996 (Minn. App. 2002) (child support in a paternity matter)

E.S.K. for Herself and on Behalf of the Minor Children, D.J.K., S.L.K. and A.S.K. v. M.S.K., 2002 WL 979754 (Minn. App. 2002) (domestic abuse).

Lemtouni v. Lemtouni, 2003 WL 21321830 (Minn. App. 2003) (child support).

In re Adoption of D.Z.S., 2004 WL 2050095 (Minn. App. 2004), rev. denied (Minn. Dec. 14, 2004) (adoption).

Foster v. Foster, 2007 WL 1893238 (Minn. App. 2007) (spousal maintenance).

In re P.L., 2007 WL 4564169 (Minn. App. 2007) (adoption).

Boland v. Murtha, _____ WL _____ (Minn. App. 2008) (child support).

Hubbard County Health & Human Services v. Zacher, 2009 WL 3364256 (Minn. App. 2009) (child support).

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Juris Doctorate, May 10, 1987.

Managing Editor (1986 - 1987) and staff member (1985 - 1986) of Law and Inequality: A Journal of Theory and Practice.

Recipient of the Steven Block Prize for Civil Liberties - Civil Rights Scholarship awarded by the University of Minnesota Law School.

Dean's List and honors in legal research and writing.

Student Attorney with Legal Assistance to Minnesota Prisoners (LAMP).

University of Minnesota Graduate School, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Master of Arts, July 10, 1991.

Area of Study: American Legal and Constitutional History.

Advisor: Professor Paul L. Murphy.

Thesis: "The Origins and Early Years of American Juvenile Courts: The Impact of Changes in American Domestic Relations Law and Criminal Procedure from 1880 to 1920."

Assistant Archivist, Social Welfare History Archives, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Saint Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota.
Bachelor of Arts degree, Magna Cum Laude, May 20, 1984.

Phi Beta Kappa

Major: History

Minors: Literature and Political Science

Language: German

Departmental Distinction in History

Dean's List

Phi Alpha Theta (History Honorary) - President of college chapter.

Selected to present and defend a research paper at the Midwest Conference for Slavic Studies, University of Kansas.

Saint Olaf College Archives - Assistant to the College Archivist, 1982 - 1984.

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Married and the parent of one child

1980 Honors graduate of Cloquet Senior High School, Cloquet, Minnesota.

Selected to represent Cloquet Senior High School in the Presidential Classroom for Young Americans, Washington, D.C.

Recipient of Century III Leadership Award, Cloquet Senior High School, Cloquet, Minnesota.

Junior Rotarian in Cloquet; Recipient of Junior Rotarian Scholarship

Research Assistant, Carlton County Historical Society, Cloquet, Minnesota

Member of Wayzata Community Church (Congregational), Wayzata, Minnesota

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Member of Saint Olaf College Liberal Arts and the Law Committee

Member of Masterworks Chorale of Augsburg College

Former Piano Student and Current Voice Student, MacPhail Center for the Arts

Participant in KARE 11 Bike Classic, Summer 1988 (150 mile bike-a-thon for the benefit of St. Paul Children's Hospital)

Volunteer attorney with "Partners for Students Program" at the St. Louis Park, Minnesota High School, Spring 1999, (a curriculum adjunct to teach family law and relationship skills)

Member, Board of Directors, Beacon Academy (charter school), Plymouth, Minnesota (2005 to 2006).