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PERSONAL DATA:

Birth Place Port Huron, Michigan  
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EDUCATION BACKGROUND:

Secondary Campion Jesuit Preparatory High School, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin;  
September 1956 - May 1960; Diploma 1960.

Undergraduate University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana; September 1960 - June  
1964; A.B., June 1964, Government and International Studies.

Graduate University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana; June 1964 - August 1965;  
M.A., June 1965, Government and International Studies.

Graduate University of Michigan Rackham School of Graduate Studies; August 1967 -  
May 1969; Candidate (Ph.D.) in Philosophy, Political Science, September  
1969.

Professional University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, Michigan; June 1966 -  
August 1968; J.D., August 1968.

Post Graduate Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Ann Arbor, MI; Professional various courses each year, 1980 to present.

National Institute of Trial Advocacy, National Session, Boulder, Colorado; June - July 1981

National Institute of Trial Advocacy, Teaching Trial Advocacy, University of California, Berkeley, 1988.

Harvard University, Negotiation Workshop; 40 hours, June 1992

State of Michigan, Department of Education, IDEA, Hearing Officer training, November 1998; Annual updates: 1999-2006

State of Michigan, Department of Civil Service, Hearing Officer training, May 1999

Dispute Resolution Center of Central Michigan, Certified Mediation Training under MCR 2.411, June 2001; recertified 2002 through 2014.

Supreme Court Administrator Office, Adult Guardianship Mediation Training, Community Dispute Resolution Program, Certificate, June 2003.

Institute for Continuing Education, Ann Arbor, MI, Certificate in Estate Planning and Probate, September 2006; recertified 2007 through 2014.

PROFESSIONAL WORK:

September 1, 1986 - Present

Ingham, Clinton, Eaton and Gratiot County Circuit Courts; various District Courts: Receiver; possess, operate, sell assets and business entities on behalf of the Court. 1985 - present. See attached list of receiverships.

Michigan Tax Tribunal: Referee; conduct over 1900 administrative hearings under the Tax Tribunal Act and the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, as amended, in matters involving property valuations, special assessments, exemptions, and taxable value uncapping. 2009 – 2014,

Cummins Woods: general practice of law focusing on receiverships (70), business, real estate and probate matters. Certified facilitative mediator.

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality: Administrative Law Judge; conduct administrative hearings under the contested case provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, as amended, in the areas of flood plain, inland lakes and streams, wet lands, shore lands, submerged lands and sand dunes protection. 2001 - 2002.

Michigan Public Service Commission: Independent Special Assistant Attorney General; defended MPSC in three appellate matters (consolidated) involving securitized financing of utility debt. 2001.

Michigan Department of Civil Rights: Referee; conduct administrative hearings under the contested case provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, as amended, in matters involving violations of an individuals civil rights. 1986 - 1992.

Michigan Department of Civil Service: Hearing Officer; Conduct administrative hearings under the rules of the Department in the areas of employee grievances, technical appeals and contractual personal services. 1995 - 2002

Michigan Department of Education: Certified Hearing Officer, 1998; conduct hearings under Federal Individual with Disabilities Education Act. 1998 -2007. Recertified 1999-2006.

Ingham County Circuit Court: Special Master; conduct discovery hearings for the Court in complex cases; decide contested discovery issues; prepare scheduling orders. 1996 - 1999.

Capital Area District Library: Legal Counsel; established the District Library, a new governmental entity, and set up its first operating millage. 1997 - 1999.

#### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS:

American Bar Association, various sections and committees; 1968 - present.

Ingham County Bar Association; 1981 - present; Education Committee, 1981 - 1985, Chairperson 1983-84, 1984-85; Lawyer Referral Program, 1980 - 1999.

State Bar of Michigan, Member, 1868 – present.

Institute for Continuing Legal Education; Representative for Ingham County; 1994 -2008.

Licensed to practice in all Michigan Courts (1968) and all Federal District Courts in Michigan (1972).

Admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States (1972) and the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (1983).

Ingham County Circuit Court, Commercial Case Evaluator, 1987 - present; Clinton-Gratiot County Circuit Court, Case Evaluator, 1999 - present.

Ingham County Bar Association Foundation, Board Member, 2008 – present; Treasurer, 2012-present; named a Fellow in 2013.

Ingham County Sobriety Court Foundation, Board Member, 2014 – present.

#### TEACHING

National Institute of Trail Advocacy, Midwest region, Northwestern University, Faculty, 1989-1992.

Michigan State University, Department of Political Science; Instructor, American Judicial Process, 1990-1991. Department of Criminal Justice; Instructor, Organized Crime and Crime Victimology, 1978-1979.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Lansing School District, Board of Education, 1975-1976.

Lansing School District, Library Advisory Board. 1991-1999;  
Vice President, 1994; President 1995-1997.

City of Lansing, Historic District Commission, member 1995-1998.

Joint City of Lansing-Lansing School District Library Advisory Committee: Member appointed by School District. 1998–1999.

American Alcohol and Drug Information Foundation, Volunteer Executive Director, 2004-2012.

*Journal of Alcohol and Drug Education*, American Alcohol and Drug Information Foundation, Lansing, MI, Associate Editor, 2006-2012