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CURRICULUM VITAE

Education

JURIS DOCTORATE

August 1994 - May 1997

Samford University, Cumberland School of Law

Birmingham, Alabama

- ~Tennessee Bar Association, President
- ~Future Trial Lawyers Association, President
- ~Trial Advocacy Board
- ~Parham Williams Freshman Trial Competition, Haley Federal Trial Competition, Senior Trial Competition, Donworth Moot Court Competition
- ~Armstrong Scholarship for Trial Advocacy
- ~Corbett Scholarship
- ~Dean's List
- ~Who's Who Among American Law School Students
- ~Street Law Instructor for the AL Center for Law & Civic Ed.

University of Tennessee College of Law

August 1996 – December 1996

Knoxville, Tennessee

- ~Merit based "visiting status" granted for semester

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

ASSOCIATE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

June 1991 – May 1994

Lincoln Memorial University

Harrogate, Tennessee

- ~Upward Bound graduate
- ~University Tutor
- ~Lincoln Scholar
- ~Dean's List
- ~University Dance Team and Softball Team

Professional Experience

ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMICS

DIRECTOR OF LAWYERING SKILLS

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAW

Lincoln Memorial University, Duncan School of Law

February 2010 – present

Knoxville, Tennessee

ANDERSON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT JUDGE

September 2006 – January 2010

Clinton, Tennessee

- Campaigned in a contested primary and general election, defeating eighteen year incumbent
- Elected as youngest judge in the state on September 1, 2006
- Presiding over a Court of Record with varied jurisdiction including: child abuse and neglect, child support, custody and visitation for children born out of wedlock, juvenile delinquent matters, adult criminal matters with child as alleged victim, establishment of paternity, and emergency medical care for juveniles
- Oversight of Court building project, including function, efficiency, technology and security
- Preparation and administration of a half million dollar annual budget
- Writing and administering grants related to services for children and families
- Supervision of Child Support Referee and twelve staff members and court clerks
- Frequent television, radio and newspaper interviews related to the Court and other topics concerning children and families
- Instructor and facilitator of CLE
- Speaker for many local schools, colleges and civic organizations

Owner, Attorney

The Law Office of April Carroll Meldrum

September 2002 –February 2007

Clinton, Tennessee

- Attorney and firm owner engaged in general trial practice
- Supervised one associate attorney and five staff members
- Engaged in all aspects of law office management including accounting, payroll, property and employment taxes

- Focused practice in areas involving domestic relations, personal injury, employment discrimination, workers' compensation, social security disability and criminal defense
- Accepted cases prepared for trial by other attorneys
- Deposed parties, witnesses, retained experts and physicians frequently
- Participated routinely in jury trials, bench trials, mediations and arbitrations

ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY
Ridenour, Ridenour & Fox

May 1996 – September 2002

Clinton, Tennessee

- Law Clerk (May 1996 – April 1997)
- Associate attorney (December 1997 – September 2002)
- Drafted all Appellate and Trial Briefs for firm and performed all legal research related thereto
- Prepared all pleadings and made all court appearances related to personal injury litigation, including: products liability, premises liability, motor vehicle accidents, ADA/FMLA discrimination, workers' compensation and social security disability
- Participated frequently in jury trials, bench trials, mediation and arbitrations
- Maintained caseload of 225-250 matters

EXTERN/LAW CLERK
The Honorable O.L. "Pete" Johnson

Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division of the District Court of Jefferson County

August 1995 – January 1996

Birmingham, Alabama

- Extern for Judge Johnson
- Assisted Judge in researching and preparing protocol for the Jefferson County Drug Court, one of the first and most successful in the nation
- Facilitated appointment of counsel for indigent criminal defendants
- Prepared Orders or letters at request of Judge and performed other general clerk functions
- Observed trials and hearings

Appellate

Brittingham v. Abner, 2005 WL 3454318, E.D.Tenn., December 16,

Experience

2005

- Emerson v. Oak Ridge Research, Inc.*, 187 S.W.3d 364, 96 Fair Empl.Prac.Cas. (BNA) 1845, Tenn.Ct.App., October 05, 2005
- Plemons v. Union Carbide Corp.*, 2005 WL 372605, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, February 17, 2005
- Bridges v. Bridges*, 168 S.W.3d 158, Tenn.Ct.App., November 23, 2004
- Jones v. Eagle Bend Mfg., Inc.*, 2004 WL 2070994, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, April 19, 2004
- Battle v. Methodist Medical Center*, 2003 WL 22859979, Tenn. Workers Comp.Panel, December 03, 2003
- McCall v. National Health Corp.*, 100 S.W.3d 209, Tenn., March 13, 2003
- Waddell v. Ogledzinski*, 2002 WL 31895580, Tenn.Ct.App., December 30, 2002
- Jones v. Idles*, 2002 WL 1751504, Tenn.Ct.App., July 30, 2002
- Leab v. S & H Mining Co.*, 76 S.W.3d 344, Tenn., June 03, 2002
- Stephenson v. Container Products Corp.*, 2002 WL 826923, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, April 24, 2002
- Dew v. Pro-Temp*, 2002 WL 732277, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, April 08, 2002
- Adkins v. Modine Mfg. Co., Inc.*, 2002 WL 732279, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, April 08, 2002
- Duncan v. Modine Mfg. Co., Inc.*, 2002 WL 340599, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, February 28, 2002
- Braden v. Modine Mfg. Co., Inc.*, 2002 WL 205037, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, February 06, 2002
- Jenkins v. Kemper Ins. Co.*, 2001 WL 1562845, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, December 07, 2001
- Klopfenstein v. Windwood Health Rehab. Ctr.*, 2001 WL 1246381, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, October 18, 2001
- Hicks v. Kroger Food Stores, Inc.*, 2001 WL 1018712, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, September 06, 2001
- Scales v. City of Oak Ridge*, 53 S.W.3d 649, Tenn., August 23, 2001
- Brewer v. Center*, 2001 WL 881392, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, August 06, 2001
- Weather Doctor Services Co., Inc. v. Stephens*, 2001 WL 849540, Tenn.Ct.App., July 27, 2001
- Webber v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 49 S.W.3d 265, Tenn., July 03, 2001
- Burum v. BNFL, Inc.*, 2001 WL 708838, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, June 25, 2001

Eldridge v. Tri-State Comprehensive Care Ctr., 2001 WL 523372, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, May 16, 2001

Phillips v. County of Anderson, 2001 WL 456065, Tenn.Ct.App., April 30, 2001

Dew v. Pro-Temp, 2001 WL 12225, Tenn.Ct.App., January 05, 2001

Russell v. Modine Mfg. Co., Inc., 2000 WL 1844632, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, December 14, 2000

Long v. Homecrest Corp., 2000 WL 1843372, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, December 15, 2000

Loveday v. Food Lion, Inc., 2000 WL 1606590, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, October 27, 2000

Webber v. Hunt, 2000 WL 1349266, Tenn.Ct.App., September 20, 2000

Carden v. Tennessee Coal Co., 2000 WL 1339233, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, September 18, 2000

Harper v. Lockheed Martin Energy Systems, Inc., 2000 WL 1286439, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, September 12, 2000

Massengill v. Liberty Mut. Ins. Co., 2000 WL 1134475, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, August 11, 2000

Day v. Travelers Ins. Co., 2000 WL 711156, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, June 02, 2000

Floss v. Ryan's Family Steak Houses, Inc., 211 F.3d 306, 140 Lab.Cas. P 34,050, 6 Wage & Hour Cas.2d (BNA) 17, 17 NDLR P 237, 2000 Fed.App. 0154P, C.A.6 (Ky.), May 01, 2000

Spears v. Pathway Bellows, Inc., 2000 WL 311131, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, March 28, 2000

Cox v. Anderson County Highway Dept., 2000 WL 250126, Tenn.Ct.App., March 07, 2000

Maupin v. Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge, 2000 WL 246223, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, March 02, 2000

Loving v. Liberty Mut. Ins. Co., 1999 WL 956879, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, October 20, 1999

Russell v. Advance Transformer Co., 1999 WL 775763, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, September 24, 1999

Ford v. Tennessee Coal Co., 1999 WL 439215, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, June 29, 1999

Mack v. CNA Ins. Co., 1999 WL 446890, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, June 23, 1999

Woods v. Modine Mfg. Co., 1999 WL 421147, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, June 23, 1999

Lloyd v. Travelers Ins. Co., 1999 WL 398078, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, June 17, 1999

Jaeger v. National Linen & Uniform Service, Inc., 1999 WL 391076, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, June 14, 1999
Metier v. Dico Tire, Inc., 1999 WL 178371, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, March 29, 1999
Suerth v. Red Kap Industries, Inc., 1999 WL 165705, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, March 10, 1999
James v. Travelers Ins. Co., 1999 WL 112817, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, March 04, 1999
Freeman v. American Motorist Ins. Co., 1999 WL 77260, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, February 18, 1999
Rhea v. Modine Mfr. Co. & Sentry Ins. Co., 1999 WL 74210, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, February 16, 1999
Braden v. Modine Mfg. Co., Inc., 1999 WL 39512, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, January 20, 1999
Gardner v. Modine Mfg. Co., Inc., 1998 WL 846236, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, December 08, 1998
Powers v. Aetna Cas. & Sur. Co., 1998 WL 318743, Tenn.Workers Comp.Panel, June 18, 1998
Greenman v. Hutchins, 1998 WL 205742, Tenn.Ct.App., April 29, 1998
Jones v. Modine Mfg. Co., 1998 WL 75280, Tenn., February 18, 1998
Carden v. Modine Manufacturing Co., Inc., 1997 WL 581099, Tenn., September 19, 1997

Admitted to Practice

United States Supreme Court	2000
United States Tax Court	1997
United States District Court	1998
United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit	1999
Tennessee Supreme Court	1997

Honors and Distinctions

Anderson County Bar Association	
Member	1997 - 2006
President	2002
Ombudsman, United States Military	2005
Tennessee Trial Lawyer's Association	1997 - 2007
Amicus Committee	2005
North Anderson County Boys & Girls Club	
Board Member	2006-present
Community Action Committee	
Board Member	2008-present
Tennessee Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges	
Member	2006 - 2010

Legislative Committee	2006 - 2010
National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges	
Member	2009 - 2010