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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Lincoln Memorial University, Duncan School of Law

Assistant Dean of Students

Assistant Professor of Law

Knoxville, Tennessee

July 1, 2011 - Present

Administer and foster student clubs and organizations; administer the student pro bono graduation requirement; plan and facilitate student events; schedule and plan professional speaker events; assist students with solving non-academic problems and complaints; work as a liaison between the student and Duncan School of Law staff and faculty; and research and provide resources for basic non-educational services such as housing, parking, and other off campus services/options in the area.

Courses: Lawyering Skills II (Legal Writing); Academic Success Program III;
 Lawyering Skills III (Legal Writing); Academic Success Program IV;
 and Academic Success Program I

Awards: Lawyering Skills Professor of the Year Spring 2010

Lincoln Memorial University, Duncan School of Law

Dean of Students

Knoxville, Tennessee

September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

Administered and fostered all student clubs and organizations; administered student pro bono graduation requirement; planned and facilitated student events; scheduled and planned professional speakers; assisted students with solving non-academic problems; worked as a liaison between students and Duncan School of Law staff and faculty; and researched and provided resources for basic non-educational services such as housing, parking, and other off campus services/options in the area.

Lincoln Memorial University, Duncan School of Law

Adjunct Professor of Law

Knoxville, Tennessee

January 2010 –June 30, 2011

Courses: Lawyering Skills II (Legal Writing); Academic Success Program III; and
 Lawyering Skills III (Legal Writing)

EDUCATION

Mississippi College School of Law

Jackson, Mississippi

Juris Doctorate

May 2003

Queens University

Charlotte, North Carolina

Bachelor of Arts in American Studies with a minor in Music

August 1999

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Attorney

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109 Leinart Street, Ste. 101
Clinton, Tennessee 37716

July 2008 – August 30, 2010

- Ran a solo family law practice, with a significant emphasis on *guardian ad litem* and other child related advocacy work.
- Carried approximately 150 - 200 court appointed cases in addition to 5-10 private cases.
- Managed all aspects of litigation in addition to the additional responsibilities required for *guardian ad litem* cases which require visiting the child/incompetent adult in his/her home, ensuring for the Court that clients are safe, that his/her best interests are being served, and that the needs, concerns, and client's views are voiced for the Court's consideration.
- Drafted pleadings, motions, notices, and orders and notices for the Court's consideration.
- Researched and prepared for multiple court appearances per week and often prepared a reasoned response on short notice for emergency proceedings.
- Advocated for clients during court appearances, depositions, mediations, negotiations and informal meetings.
- Briefed two matters for the Court of Appeals and argued two matters before the Court of Appeals.

Law Clerk/Custody Specialist

Judge April Carroll Meldrum
Anderson County Juvenile Court
Clinton, TN 37716

February 2007 – July, 2008

- Responsible for attending court two to four days per week to assist the Judge with court proceedings which included review and analysis of the pending matter; research of both criminal and Department of Children's Services history of the parties and potential custodians; review and analysis of Tennessee code and case law on relevant issues; maintaining a written record of court proceedings; and drafting Orders of the Court.
- Managed approximately 200-400 Anderson County children who were placed in State's custody for dependency and neglect issues or as a result of crimes committed in the community. Management required reading, analyzing and summarizing permanency plans which detailed the responsibilities of the juvenile, parent and Department in order for the juvenile to be returned home; managed the docket for each individual child to make sure that each child was reviewed at least every six months; reviewed, analyzed and drafted home passes each weekend based on the progress of the juvenile and parent(s) allowing the juvenile to return home for short periods; reviewed and analyzed discharge summaries from the Department seeking to release juveniles from probation and release packets seeking to release juveniles back home to their families; and updated the custody list daily to reflect all of the children who entered and exited custody and modified the docket to reflect changes.

Associate

Philip W. Thomas, P.A.,
Jackson, MS 39202

August 2003 – August 2006

- Responsible for representing a diverse group of clients in civil litigation matters mostly in conjuncture with client insurance carriers.
- Types of matters include: subrogation, personal injury (ranging from simple to complex litigation), medical malpractice, legal malpractice, vanishing premium, employment, products liability (including ongoing silica litigation), contract, and compliance.
- Duties include researching and preparing pleadings, motions, supporting memorandum, discovery, taking and defending depositions, settlement negotiations, motion hearings, contract

review, compliance opinions and meeting with clients and other attorneys in developing legal and trial strategies based on the client's needs and recommendations.

- Involved in two full-scale jury trials, both of which resulted in favorable verdicts.

Law Clerk

Tabor and Chhabra, P.A.

Jackson, MS 39213

August 2001 – July 2003

- Drafted demand letters, motions, complaints, answers, discovery, orders and other necessary documents.
- Performed research of issues in dispute; took settlements before Worker's Compensation Commission; discussed cases with insurance adjusters and attorneys; coordinated medical treatment with clients and adjusters; interviewed and consulted with new and existing clients.
- Types of cases included medical malpractice, employment discrimination, worker's compensation, personal injury, mass tort, and minor corporation formation and domestic relations cases.

PUBLICATIONS

Sperm, Egg, and a Petri Dish: Unveiling the Underlying

June 2006

Property Issues Surrounding Cryopreserved Embryos

Co-author with Joseph Blackston, M.D., J.D.

The Journal of Legal Medicine

CURRENT SCHOLARSHIP PLAN

Currently researching Tennessee Bar Examination data to examine the issue of why law school does not prepare 100% of its graduating student body to pass the bar exam. Also, will be analyzing statistically where the line between pass and fail generally falls: is it legal writing, multiple-choice or a true mixture of both that causes students to fail.