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Accomplishments

- Chester County Orphans' Court Appointed Counsel/*Guardian Ad Litem* in guardianship and adoption/termination of parental rights matters. Since January 2018, I have been appointed in over 25 matters.
- As a member of the Chester County Orphans' Court Rules Committee, I was part of a team that drafted and adopted the new (2016) Chester County Orphans' Court Rule. Duties included interacting with the Pennsylvania Orphans' Court Committee.
- Assisted with the drafting of multiple forms utilized by practitioners and the judiciary in Orphans' Court matters consistent with statutes and case law to promote consistency and efficiency.
- Assisted with the daily operations, including interacting with counsel, *pro se* individuals and Justice Center personnel. Drafted orders, opinions and correspondence. Attended hearings.
- Board of Trustees of the United Methodist Church of Paoli (25 years), assist in management of the church facilities; review of contracts; point person in insurance matters, including worker's compensation issues; Trustee representative on the Paoli Methodist Nursery School Management Council, assisting with oversight, management and budgeting.
- Drama Guild: Director of Props for eight high school drama guild productions and one middle school musical; Parent Producer for four middle school musicals; organization, oversight and management of all administrative details pertinent to the productions involving over 100 children and 70 adult volunteers per musical; review and execution of contracts for show rights and sound production; management of budget.
- Director of Paoli Methodist Vacation Bible School (eight years); organization, oversight and management of all administrative details, including budget and staffing and involving over 100 children and 80-90 volunteer staff; development and institution of security policies and procedures for child safety.

Legal Experience

CONNOR, WEBER & OBERLIES

November 2019-present.

Attorney: Orphans Court litigation, including guardianships and adoptions. Court Appointed Counsel/*Guardian Ad Litem* in guardianship and adoption matters. Drafting of estate planning documents: wills, powers of attorney, advance directives/living wills, and trusts, including special needs trusts. Administration of estates. General civil business matters and litigation.

HERR, POTTS AND POTTS

January 2018 - present.

Attorney: Orphans Court litigation, including guardianships and adoptions. Court Appointed Counsel/*Guardian Ad Litem* in guardianship and adoption matters. Drafting of estate planning documents: wills, powers of attorney, advance directives/living wills, and trusts, including special needs trusts. Administration of estates.

THE HONORABLE JOHN L. HALL

CHESTER COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

April 2012 - January 2018.

Law Clerk: research for and drafting of Orphans' Court opinions/adjudications/orders in adoptions, termination of parental rights, guardianships, estates and will contests. Interact with counsel and pro-se litigants. Project work for Orphans' Court Bench and the Honorable Jacqueline Carroll Cody, PJ.

CARRIE A. S. KENNEDY, ATTORNEY AT LAW

January 1998 – January 2018.

Solo practitioner specializing in adoption (foreign, domestic, step-parent), wills, and estates; Chester County Court Appointed Counsel in contested adoption and orphans court matters; general civil litigation; administration of all aspects of a small practice.

THE DOMBROWSKI GROUP

December 2010 – March 2012.

Research for and drafting of workers' compensation briefs (WCJ, WCAB, Commonwealth Court and Supreme Court of Pennsylvania); drafting of proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law; preparation of various pleadings and deposition summaries; represent clients in Compromise and Release hearings.

**THE HONORABLE PAULA FRANCISCO OTT
SUPERIOR COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

June 2010 – August 2010.

Summer Law Clerk: research for and drafting of civil and criminal appellate opinions.

CHESTER COUNTY DOMESTIC RELATIONS

January 1998 – May 1999.

Staff Attorney: prosecuted child and spousal support matters on behalf of Chester County; negotiated settlements; represented clients in conferences and hearings before Masters and Judges.

MALLOY-GOOD ASSOCIATES

October 1995 – December 1997.

Associate in two-person firm; divorce, support, custody and adoption; represented clients in conferences and hearings before Masters and Judges.

JOHN BRIAN FROCK, ATTORNEYS AT LAW

December 1991 - October 1995.

Associate in two-person firm: general litigation, real estate and District Justice matters, divorce, support, custody and adoption, wills and estates.

**THE HONORABLE CHARLES B. SMITH
CHESTER COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS**

August 1989 - November 1991.

Law Clerk: research for and drafting of civil and criminal opinions and pre-trial orders; processed divorces.

Admissions to Practice

Pennsylvania Bar; United States District Court for the Eastern District

Education

THE DICKINSON SCHOOL OF LAW, Carlisle, PA.

Juris Doctor

Editor-in-Chief, *The Dickinson Journal of International Law*

Recipient: Joseph B. Kelly Award (dedication to excellence in publishing)

NAZARETH COLLEGE OF ROCHESTER, Rochester, NY.

B.A., *cum laude*

Major: Political Science with Concentrations in Technical Writing and Philosophy

Recipient: Campus Life Award (academic excellence and involvement in multiple areas of campus life)

Professional and Community Activities and Memberships

Chester County Bar Association, *Member*; John E. Stively Inn of Court, *Master*

Chester County Orphans' Court Local Rules Committee

The Timothy School, Board Member

BNI, Great Valley Chapter

United Methodist Church of Paoli, *Trustee*; Nursery School Management Council, Member and Counsel