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Employment and Business Activities

Current

Private Law Practice: Real Estate - land conservation; residential and commercial transactions. Equine Law - clients include horse owners, trainers, farms, horse-related organizations. Small Business - advising and representation in commercial transactions; Trusts and Estates; Employment Law; Non-Profits - management, mission, and employment matters.

Dispute Resolution: Principal, First Mediate - Mediation of commercial, estate and trust, and community disputes. Principal, Equine Dispute Solutions - mediation and arbitration of disputes involving horses;

Elser Farms Corp. - Breeding, buying, and selling Thoroughbreds.

1991-1997 General Counsel, National ICEE Corp., Philadelphia, PA. Responsible for warehouse leasing, environmental compliance, advising Sr. VP on personnel matters, maintain corp. minutes, prepare and negotiate contracts w/ suppliers and customers, oversee patent and trademark and routine corporate legal matters, work w/ outside counsel on litigation, including arbitration and mediation. Private practice devoted to equine law; commercial and residential real estate, including land conservation and shopping center representation; trusts and estates.

1987-1991 Private Law Practice, Washington, D.C. - Real Estate - commercial leasing and financing for major shopping center, represent center in tenants' bankruptcies; handle warehouse leasing and purchasing, including environmental reviews, and collections for National ICEE Corp.; consultant to local government groups - review federal legislation, write summaries and reports for members.

1985-1987 Teaching Fellow, Harrison Institute for Public Law, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C. Taught local government law. Staff attorney - Montgomery County, MD, County Council. Reviewed local and state legislation, drafted local legislation, worked with local and state agencies. Issues included agricultural land preservation, regulation of placement of newspaper racks, hiring by local businesses, zoning and regulation of trailer parks.

1983-1985 Washington, D.C. - Minority Counsel, Select Committee on Children, Youth, and Families, U.S. House of Representatives. Reviewed legislation, drafted legislation, worked with other congressional committees, federal and state agencies and academics in areas of foster care, adoption, child support, and child pornography.

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1981-1983 Private Law Practice, West Chester, PA - Focused on foster care, adoption, equine law and real estate. Correspondent, *Daily Local News*, West Chester, PA. Covered local townships, boroughs, and school boards.

Admitted to Practice Law: Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, and District of Columbia (inactive)

Professional and Community Activities

2003-2011 Founding member, Board member, Commercial Dispute Solutions, West Chester, PA - ADR program designed to move commercial cases from local courts.

1996 - Present Member, Planning Committee, Annual Equine Law Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY. Responsible for planning ethics portion of conference - moderator and speaker on ethics since 1997.

2005 - Present Fellow, American College of Equine Attorneys, Lexington, KY

2006-Present Member, Board of Trustees, Friends' Central School, Wynnewood, PA. Speak to Middle School classes about dispute resolution.

1994-2009 Member, Board of Trustees, Tredyffrin Township Public Libraries. President, 2001-2008.

2002-2008 Member, Board of Directors, Jenkins Arboretum, Berwyn, PA.

Speaking Activities: Speak to various groups and conferences about legal ethics, equine law, land conservation, and dispute resolution. Groups include: PA Land Trust Alliance, French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust; PA Bar Institute; Univ. of KY Equine Law Conference.

Education and Training

1987 LLM - Local Government Law, Georgetown University, Washington, DC.

1981 JD, University of Tennessee College of Law, Knoxville, TN.

1976 BA - Child Development, Connecticut College, New London, CT.

Mediation, Arbitration, and Neutral Training - 1998 Jams/Endispute, Boston, MA.
Advanced Training: PA Bar Institute; MD Institute for Continuing Professional Education of Lawyers; Delaware County, PA Center for Resolutions; Commercial Dispute Solutions.

Advanced Conservation Finance - Land Trust Alliance Conference - October 2008