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SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

I have significant, progressive experience in the legal profession with 25 years of experience as counsel in a wide variety of civil, regulatory, licensing and dispute resolution matters. I enjoy the unique advantage of having acquired a comprehensive perspective on effective litigation handling, gained from several years of experience as a legal secretary and paralegal in litigation practices. I am a hands-on, results-oriented attorney committed to excellent and effective representation.

I graduated *Cum Laude* from the Detroit College of Law (now Michigan State University Law College). I achieved my two undergraduate degrees and law degree with honors while attending night school and working full time in the legal profession. I am also active in professional and community organizations.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

BARBARA J KENNEDY, ATTORNEY & COUNSELOR

Proprietor, 03/19 – present

Providing dependable legal services to individuals, small businesses, non-profits and licensed professionals in a variety of matters.

AARDEMA WHITE LAW, PLLC

Senior Associate, 09/12 – 11/18

Originally hired to “pinch hit” during the maternity leave of another attorney; accepted offer of full time employment as healthcare defense counsel. Immediately approved as counsel by the firm’s insurance carriers and developed caseload assigned by senior counsel. Responsible for all aspects of case work-up from initial retention through trial.

JOHNSON & WYNGAARDEN, P.C.

Associate Attorney, 12/99 – 08/12

Litigation defense counsel in numerous hospital and medical malpractice matters, actively participating in all phases of investigation and discovery, retention of and consultation with expert witnesses, legal research on significant discovery and dispositive issues, argument of motions, case evaluation/mediation, pretrial and trial preparation. Serve as second chair trial counsel in conjunction with senior counsel.

RUTLEDGE, MANION, RABAUT, TERRY & THOMAS, P.C.

Associate Attorney, 11/96 - 7/99

Responsible for all phases of litigation, defending a wide range of civil matters in the areas of products liability, medical and dental malpractice, premises liability and auto negligence. Closed several files via summary disposition, voluntarily dismissal, or cost-effective, nominal settlements. Tried dental products case to defense verdict. Sub-specialty in collection of subrogated interests and awards of taxed costs and attorney fees.

CITY OF DETROIT LAW DEPARTMENT

Litigation Section Attorney, 1/96 - 11/96

Immediately acquired existing docket of approximately 50 ongoing lawsuits. Reviewed, organized, updated all files; resolved many matters that were at end stages of litigation. Participated in civil trial of sidewalk liability action in 36th District Court. Attended numerous depositions, motions, mediation hearings and settlement conferences in addition to conducting ongoing discovery and investigation. Responsibilities also included weekly coverage of traffic and ordinance matters before the entire 36th District Court bench.

Administration Section Intern, 8/95 - 12/95

Worked part time directly with Corporation Counsel in organizing and implementing several ongoing administrative projects. Ultimately took primary responsibility for coordinating relocation of entire Law Department from City-County Building to First National Building in conjunction with Assistant Corporation Counsel.

RUTLEDGE, MANION, RABAUT, TERRY & THOMAS, P.C.

Litigation Paralegal and Administrator, 3/86 - 1/96

Assisted senior and managing partner Paul Manion in the defense of civil litigation, primarily in the areas of medical malpractice and products liability; worked directly with clients and carriers. Duties encompassed initial client contacts, development and completion of discovery, preparation of mediation summaries, and trial preparation. Streamlined and supervised implementation of client file management system from creation through destruction of individual client files. Also responsible for a wide range of general operational functions within the firm, including supervision and training of expanded paralegal staff.

FITZGERALD, HODGMAN, RUTLEDGE, CAWTHORNE, KING & MANION

Litigation Paralegal, 11/81 - 3/86

Hired by managing partner Paul Manion to assist in the defense of a wide range of general civil litigation matters at this 23-attorney firm. Handled many administrative aspects of firm reorganization and relocation (1985/86) including coordination of support services, development and implementation of office systems, and records management.

CHARLES A. HAAS, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR

Legal Secretary/Paralegal, 10/79 - 11/81

Responsible for all phases of operation of a solo general practice.

GEORGE A. JONES & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

Legal Secretary, 1/77 - 10/79

Duties included reception, scheduling, and preparation of pleadings and correspondence for sole practitioner specializing in plaintiff personal injury litigation.

EDUCATION

DETROIT COLLEGE OF LAW (nka MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY LAW COLLEGE)

Juris Doctor *Cum Laude*, June 1995

Dean's List: Five of seven semesters; Moot Court Board (Brief Writer, Fall 1994 CBA Team; Semi-Finalist, Spring 1994 Class Competition; Competitor, Spring 1994 All-School; Competitor, Fall 1993 All-School); Student Senate, 1992-95 (Chair, Faculty Evaluation Committee, 1993-95)

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DEARBORN

Bachelor of General Studies with Distinction May 1985

MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Associate of Applied Science, Legal Assistant, June 1979

AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Member/Affiliate Member, State Bar of Michigan, 1986 – present

Member, Ingham County Bar Association, 1999 - 2003

Member, Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, 1997-99

Instructor, Lansing Community College (substitute), 2002-07

Instructor, American Institute for Paralegal Studies, 1996

Instructor, Legal Secretarial Career Institute, 1987

Member, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 141, Howell, 2004 - present

President, 2011-2012

Second Vice President, 2009-2011

Chair, Girls State Committee, 2005-2012

Unit Historian, 2006-2009

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Blogger/Contributor, Proving Innocence Project Detroit, Temujin Kensu (f/k/a Fredrick Freeman) Case, “Who Killed Scott Macklem?” 2017 -

Webinar, Whitelaw, B. and Kennedy, B., “How To Address Medical Errors That Are Not Your Own: Ethical Obligations and Legal Implications” for Michigan Professional Insurance Exchange, 11/16/16

Presentation, Whitelaw, B. and Kennedy, B., “Opioid Crisis: What Defense Attorneys Need to Know in Counseling Physicians and Defending Licensing Claims,” for Michigan Defense Trial Counsel Annual Meeting, 11/11/16

Article, Whitelaw, B. and Kennedy, B., “Hidden Time Bombs in Your Non-Compete Clause,” medscape.com, 2016

Contributor, Michigan Defense Trial Counsel Quarterly, 2015 – 2017

- Kennedy, B. and McCamant, V., “Medical Malpractice Report, Clarity And Caution: An Update and Prospective on Medicare Medical Set-Asides in Liability Cases” April 2017
- Kennedy, B. and McCamant, V., “Medical Malpractice Report: A New Twist On *Daubert* May Allow Novel Opinions,” January 2017
- Kennedy, B. and McCamant, V., “Medical Malpractice Report: Expert Qualification Dependent Upon Specific Experience,” October 2016
- Kennedy, B. and McCamant, V., “Medical Malpractice Report: Expert Qualifications and Extraneous Liability Allegations,” April 2016
- McCamant, V. and Kennedy, B., “Medical Malpractice Report: Helping Your Client Navigate a Licensing Investigation,” January 2016

Webinar, Whitelaw, B. and Kennedy, B., “New Risks for Physicians Prescribing Narcotic Medication for Pain: State Licensing Actions Leading to Fines, Suspensions and/or Termination of Licensure,” for Michigan Professional Insurance Exchange, 10/13/15

Article, Whitelaw, B. and Kennedy, B., “What If Your Patient Overdoses on Prescription Drugs?” medscape.com, 09/03/15

In-Service Presentation, Public and Private Healthcare Liens; for Johnson & Wyngaarden; November 2009

Presentation, Risk Management 101, for Carson Health Network Physicians and Mid-Levels, June 2008

Moot Court Judge, MSU Law College RWA & Moot Court Program Competitions, 2003 - present

Presentation, "Finding Your Career Path," for the Lansing Community College Legal Assistants Association, 6th Annual Michigan Paralegal Students Conference, 2003

Essay, To Borrow, Beg or Steal: A Perspective on Sampling in Musical Works, submitted to the 1995 ASCAP Nathan Burkhan Memorial Competition

Article, Manion, P. and Kennedy, B., "Peer Review, Private Arbitration and Mediation", Michigan Dental Association Journal, September 1993 (Theme Issue: Legal Issues in Dentistry)

Presentation, "Collection of Costs, Bonds and Affidavits of Merit", for Physicians Insurance Company of Michigan (n/k/a ProAssurance), April 23, 1993

Member/Guest Editor, Articles and Editorial Committee, Michigan Bar Journal, Legal Assistants Theme Issue, November 1991