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Qualifications

Analytical, experienced attorney with complex litigation practice consisting of Business and Shareholder Disputes, Public Housing, Trust Matters, ERISA, Employment Law, Insurance Coverage, Medical Malpractice, and Personal Injury matters, representing both plaintiffs and defendants. Excellent trial, evidence, research, writing, deposition and presentation skills. Superior Communicator and Leader who thrives in client relations and group facilitation.

Experience and Work History

CONNELLY & COLLIER LLP, Toledo, Ohio

- Partner November 1, 2015 – Present
- Civil Litigation Practice

CONNELLY, JACKSON & COLLIER LLP (n/k/a Connelly & Collier, LLP),
Toledo, OH

1994-2015

- Partner 1999 - October 31, 2015
- Civil Litigation Practice
- Multi-District Litigation (Ortho Evra) 2007
 - ♦ Member, Plaintiffs' Discovery Committee, appointed by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio Western Division

SHUMAKER, LOOP & KENDRICK, Toledo, Ohio

1991-1994

- Associate Attorney - Litigation Department
- Defense of Complex Civil Matters, including Business Litigation, Medical Malpractice, Personal Injury and Contracts

SHUMAKER, LOOP & KENDRICK, Toledo, Ohio

May - August, 1990

- Summer Law Clerk

CONNELLY, SOUTAR & JACKSON (n/k/a Connelly, & Collier LLP),
Toledo, Ohio

- Summer Law Clerk

May - August, 1989

AT&T, Toledo, Ohio

1984-1988

- Communications Sales Consultant, responsible for small business and residential markets
- National Sales Achievement Award - 1985
- Regional Sales Achievement Award - 1985 & 1986

OHIO BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, Toledo, Ohio

1974-1984

- Commercial Telecommunication Representative - Voice and Data Systems
- Responsible for Servicing and Overseeing the Installation of Voice and Data Systems to Corporate Clients Listed in the Fortune 500
- Top Sales Team Award - 1976-1979, New Business Development Award - 1979

Education

THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO, Toledo, Ohio

- J.D. 1991, GPA: 3.92 Summa Cum Laude; ranked 2/145
- Law Review Notes and Comments Editor; Alumni Merit Scholarship

MIAMI UNIVERSITY, Oxford, Ohio

- B.A., GPA: 3.5 Cum Laude

Awards

- Toledo Women's Bar Association's Arabella Babb Mansfield Award winner for 2012
- Who's Who in Toledo Area Law for 2012-2015; *The Toledo Business Journal*
- Million Dollar Advocates Forum – Awarded Membership for Achievement in 2006
- Ohio Super Lawyer 2010-2015 – Personal Injury/Insurance coverage/Business disputes
- Order of the Coif – 1991
- Perrysburg Prosecutor's Award – 1991

Bar & Court Admissions

United States Supreme Court	2004
United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit	1994
United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio	1992
United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan	1992
United States District Court, Western District of Michigan	2004
Michigan Bar	1992
Ohio Bar	1991

Professional Associations, Memberships and Positions

OHIO STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

- Appointed to the State Legal Ethics and Professional Conduct Committee
2015 to Present

U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

- Selected by Chief Judge James G. Carr – Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel -2010

OHIO SUPREME COURT

- Selected by Justice Judith Lanzinger - Ohio Commission on the Rules of Practice and Procedure, January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2010, Member, Appellate Rules Committee

- Selected for Lawyer to Lawyer Mentoring Program 2011-Present

OHIO STATE BAR FOUNDATION 1991-Present

- Fellows Class-2009-2011; Member Awards Committee-2011-Present

TOLEDO WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION 1991-Present

- President-2009-2010; Past-President-2011; Chair Annual Meeting Committee-2011, 2012
Board of Trustees-2006 to Present; Secretary-2013 to Present

TOLEDO BAR ASSOCIATION 1991-Present

- Chair Notary Public Committee-2009-2014; Secretary-2003-2009

OHIO ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE 1991-2014

- Board of Trustees-2001-2011

OHIO STATE BAR ASSOCIATION 1991-Present

- Affinity Bar Committee-2011

FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION	2008-2015
MORRISON R. WAITE AMERICAN INNS OF COURT	2010-2014

Community Activities

BITTERSWEET FARMS, Whitehouse, OH; Committee Fundraising Concert	2011
HARBOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, Toledo, OH	2004-2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President 2008-2009 • Past-President 2009-2010 • Executive Committee 2005–2009 • Planning Committee 2005-2010 	

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, Toledo, OH

- Fundraising Committee 2005
- Lawyers’ Build and United Way Women’s Build 2009

ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION OF NORTHWEST OHIO, Toledo, OH	1993-2001
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President 1999-2001 • Board of Trustees 1995-2001 	

Publications and Related Work

Editorial Board, <i>Ohio Trial Magazine</i>	2004-2015
Editor, <i>Tort Law Journal of Ohio</i>	2005-2007

Author:

- “The Dual-Capacity Doctrine: One Way to Slay the Workers’ Compensation Immunity Dragon”
Ohio Trial, Volume 12, Issue 2
- “Kissing Cousins: The relationship of the dual-capacity doctrine to workers’ compensation”
Tort Law Journal of Ohio, Volume I, Issue 4
- “Pay No Attention to the Man Behind the Curtain: Trying Cases Against UM/UIM Carriers”
Ohio Trial, Volume 13, Issue 2, Co-Author Robert L. Guehl
- “Trial of the Multiple Tortfeasor Case: Tips On How to Untangle the Web”
Ohio Trial, (Volume and Issue unknown)

Worked with offices of Senator Sherrod Brown, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and partner, Steven P. Collier, to introduce the bi-partisan Motor Coach Enhanced Safety Act of 2007 (S. 2326) 2007

Speeches and Continuing Legal Education Presentations

“Masters in Trial, Direct Examination of a Medical Expert”	2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech for the American Board of Trial Advocates 	
“Bluffton Bus Crash: Start to Finish”	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech and written materials for the Ohio Bar Association 	2012
“Medical Malpractice Statute of Limitations”	2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech for the Ohio Association of Justice CLE 	
“Professionalism in the Legal Workplace”	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech for the University of Toledo College of Law 	2009

- “Insurance Agent Liability” 2007
- Speech and written materials for Ohio Association for Justice Seminar
- “A Basic Insurance Primer: Policy Components, Types of Policies, Coverage, and Suits Against the Insurance Carrier” 2001, 2003
- Speech and written materials for Ohio State Bar Association
- “Insurance for Dummies” 2003
- Speech and written materials presented for Ohio Association of Trial Lawyers
- “Insurance Coverage” 2002
- Speech and written materials presented for Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

Ohio Supreme Court Accepted Cases

Federal Insurance Co. v. Executive Coach Luxury Travel

- Allen App. Nos.1-09-17 and 1-09-18, 2009-Ohio-5910, assisted with briefing the case.

Ronald Ameigh, etc., et al. v. Baycliffs Corporation, et al.

- Case No. 96-1209, briefed the case

Harold R. Clagg et al. v. Baycliffs Corp., et al.

- Case No. 97-831, briefed the case

Earlin E. Worley v. Cooper Tire & Rubber Co., et al.

- Case No. 00-2155, briefed the case