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PROFILE

Accomplished Attorney and Published Author

- Extensive experience in both federal and state law motion, trial, and appellate practice; served as counsel and co-counsel in multiple federal civil rights jury trials, as lead counsel in state criminal trials, co-counsel and lead counsel in federal and state civil litigation, representing individuals, banks, insurance companies, and businesses
- Unparalleled academic qualifications: B.S. in Chemical Engineering, J.D. with honors & Order of the Coif
- Federal law clerk and federal and state staff attorney
- Licensed and in good standing in Louisiana (1987) & California (1992)

EXPERIENCE

Solo Practitioner

**1994-1995; 1998-2004; 2008-2014;
March, 2016-present**

Shreveport, Louisiana, and Studio City, California

- Criminal defense, federal criminal appeals (CJA panel attorney), general business advice, contracts, pipeline easements, civil litigation, oil and gas leasing, oil and gas litigation
- Successfully defended against federal government's seizure of assets pursuant to restitution order
- Successfully amended a federal sentence imposed in violation of federal sentencing guidelines
- Litigated to successful settlement issue of first impression involving the use of drafts by landmen to obtain oil and gas lease of landowner's property
- Litigated to successful judgment issue of viability of sworn testimony regarding verbal sale of land
- Litigated to successful settlement inmate denial of medical care cases (loss of limb and bodily function)
- Extensive plaintiff federal civil rights litigation, Central District of California; successful on rehearing on appeal establishing Fourth Amendment rights for parolees and probationers;¹ successful on appeal in a Fourth Amendment case involving raid of a home of a woman and child who formerly lived with former parolee (back in prison); successful on appeal to the Ninth Circuit on issue of Fourth Amendment rights of a victim of the S.I.S. Division of LAPD shot and killed in the misuse of the notorious jamming technique; second chaired approximately seven jury trials involving use of excessive force, lack of cause to detain/seize individuals in Central District of California; instrumental in establishing that indemnification policy of Los Angeles city council of officers held liable in punitive damages could establish viable Fourth Amendment claim under Monell against City of Los Angeles; instrumental in obtaining Ninth Circuit opinion on rehearing en banc that LAPD and City of Los Angeles could be sued under RICO for pattern of racketeering activity arising out of the Rampart scandal.
- Consumer bankruptcy counsel (Chapters 7 and 13)
- Consumer fraud litigation

Public Defender, Caddo Parish Indigent Defender Office Shreveport, Louisiana

February, 2014 – March, 2016

- Indigent defender in and for Caddo Parish, First Judicial District Court:
- Defended hundreds of felony and misdemeanor cases; arrest through trial and pre-conviction writs
- Successfully defended felony domestic abuse battery with strangulation at jury trial
- Via rigorous motion practice, ensured proper procedures followed
- Successful on motions for bond reduction, and motions to quash for lack of evidence

¹ The recent U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Utah v. Strieff*, No. 14-1373 (6/20/2016) negatively may impact that decision.

Special Counsel, Lemle & Kelleher, LLP (defunct)

April, 2004 – December, 2008

Shreveport, Louisiana

- Civil litigation and business advice: contracts, trademark and software licensing agreements, civil litigation, insurance defense, oil and gas litigation
- Complex tort litigation arising from a tank car explosion
- Legacy lawsuits arising out of environmental damages from exploration activities
 - litigated issue of pre-judgment seizure of assets
 - litigated issue of quantum of damages limited to market value of property
- Member of successful appellate team and responsible for writing briefs on state constitutional issue of extent of authority of local political subdivisions vis-a-vis allocation of revenue from riverboat casinos
- Litigated on 3-week court schedule from filing through trial a contract dispute arising out of sale of local hospital (successfully obtained temporary restraining order, negotiated permanent injunctive relief)

Contract Attorney, Superior Court of California

1996-1997

San Bernardino, California

- Prepared memorandum for court on federal constitutional issues (and resolutions) arising from proposed video conferencing system to conduct myriad aspects of criminal proceedings.
- Prepared bench memoranda for civil litigation pending before court

**United States District Court
Central District of California**

1991-1996

Los Angeles, California

- 1995-1996: **Pro se staff attorney** responsible for managing case analysis and bench memoranda for Magistrate Judges, primarily involving federal habeas corpus petitions, prison litigation, and myriad civil rights claims. Contributed to the court bench book
- 1991-1994: **Law clerk** to Hon. George H. King (1991-1993) and Hon. Linda McLaughlin (deceased) (1993-1994). Case screening, bench memoranda on motions, trial memoranda, addressed federal law claims and pendent state law claims, ranging from federal civil rights to social security appeals, contract and miscellaneous personal and business disputes grounded in diversity, employment discrimination claims, evaluated settlement briefs on palimony claim in diversity against Robin Leach, evaluated petition for writ of habeas corpus filed by a third party in his attempt to release O.J. Simpson pending trial; trained and supervised legal staff.

Friend, Wilson, & Draper (defunct)

1988-1991

New Orleans, Louisiana

- Associate: Chapter 11 business bankruptcy counsel-debtor, real estate and secured lending counsel-debtor, handled multi-state, multi-asset loan genesis and restructuring and modifications, general business and litigation practice, negotiation and litigation of zoning and easement, with issues unique to French Quarter

Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrere, & Denegre

1987-1988

New Orleans, Louisiana

- Associate: Business counsel responsible for secured lending negotiations, loan closings, loan work-outs and restructuring, and real estate and asset foreclosure, enforceability analysis, loan closing opinion letters, pre-closing due diligence.

Other Accomplishments

- Legal Advisor, Works in Progress Louisiana, a non-profit that assists artists in commercial ventures
- Pro bono 2009 Commission Member appointed after a grant to fund application of Judicial Detention Alternative Initiatives (JDAI) to audit Caddo Parish Juvenile Justice Detention facility, and its policies and practices. Ensured compliance with national standards for treatment of juveniles.
- Pro bono speaker at area community groups and churches on issues arising out of Haynesville Shale
- Authored text used in article entitled "Post-Production Costs Deductions from Royalties," presented to the Louisiana Mineral Law Institute, 2007
- Authored guides for major oil & gas exploration companies on eminent domain, state and federal

- Authored text of article, "The Problem Loan," presented at Louisiana Bar Association Seminar, San Destin, Florida, summer, 1987- Recent Developments in Secured Lending.
- Pro bono work for Katrina victims to facilitate recovery and return of pets rescued and transported
- Co-author of Civil RICO introductory text and contributor to model jury instructions published at "Police Misconduct And Civil Rights Federal Jury Practice And Instructions RICO," (2d Ed. West Group '02)
- State of Idaho Deputy Special Prosecutor appointed to assist with murder prosecution arising out of "Ruby Ridge" siege
- Pro Bono counsel for Public Law Center, Los Angeles, California
- Member, Board of Directors, The Brockus Dance Project, non-profit, 1994-2004

EDUCATION

Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University **J.D., 1987**

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- Order of the Coif (Class rank 5/187)
- Louisiana Law Review, Chancellor's List
- American Jurisprudence Award, Constitutional Law II, Civilian Jurisprudence Award
- Liskow & Lewis scholarship, assistant scholarship (asst. to Prof. J. Bockrath)

Louisiana State University, Business School of Economics **1983-1984**

Graduate studies in Economics

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- Recipient of scholarships and grants, teaching assistant to Dr. Steve Farber
- Louisiana Law Review, Chancellor's List
- Member of team that computerized non-linear equation modeling of future values of monies, presented as professorial research paper to Chicago Board of Trade, Spring, 1984

Tulane University **B.S., Chem. E., May, 1982**

New Orleans, Louisiana

- Louisiana legislative scholarship, internship with Shell Oil Refinery, Norco, Louisiana
- Engineering summer work study at Atlas Oil Refinery, Shreveport, Louisiana
- Member of the swim team in fall, 1980

Centenary College

Shreveport Louisiana

Dean's List Who's Who in America's Colleges President's Academic Scholarship

- **Mathematics** **1980-1982**
 - Undergraduate: Full-tuition scholarship, studied mathematics, physics, and engineering. Member and student with the Shreveport Ballet Company
- **School of business graduate program** **1982-1983**
 - Honors student, 4.00. Member and student with the Shreveport Ballet Company

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