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Born Knoxville, Tennessee - 1962

LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2017 – Present** **Owner, Operator and Primary Presenter for Good Law, a seminar company serving attorneys.**
- June 1993 - Present** **Attorney at Law, Solo Practitioner**
Emphasis on adoption law
- **Adoption & termination of parental rights, including trials, appeals, jurisdictional transfers, foster care, access to adoption records, international adoption, service as guardian ad litem, adoption-related parentage actions, custody, grandparent rights, and guardianship.**
- October 1987 - June 1993** **Attorney at Law for Rainwater, Humble & Vowell, Knoxville, Tennessee**
General Civil Litigation
- June 1986 - August 1986** **Law Clerk for Judge James H. Jarvis, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee**
- May 1985 - June 1985** **Law Clerk for Egerton, McAfee, Armistead and Davis, P.C., Knoxville, Tennessee**
- February 1982 - April 1982** **Intern for U.S. Congressman James H. Quillen of Tennessee, Washington, D.C.**

EDUCATION

- May 1987** College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia,
Marshall-Wythe School of Law, Juris Doctorate
Top 30% of class. Moot Court Board Negotiations Team,
American Jurisprudence Book Award for Trusts and Estates,
Society of Mary & William
- May – June 1986** University of Exeter. Summer program in England
Studied European economic community and comparative
English and French law
- July 1983** Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee
Bachelor of Science Degree, Double Major, Management and
Business Data Processing. Magna Cum Laude.
- June 1980** Holston High School, Knoxville, Tennessee

CERTIFICATIONS & LISCENSURE

- October 1987** Admitted Tennessee State Courts
- May 1990** Admitted Federal District Court Eastern District of Tennessee
- July 22, 2002** Certified as a Family Law Mediator Pursuant to Rule 31 of the
Tennessee Supreme Court
- September 2009** Certified as a Juvenile-Child Welfare Specialist Pursuant to Rule
21 of the Supreme Court of Tennessee and the National
Association of Counsel for Children
- 2008 - 2012** Volunteer Lobbyist. Registered, Tennessee General Assembly
Legislative
Sessions

DISTINCTIONS

Selected as Knoxville YWCA's 2012 Tribute to Women Finalist and an Honoree in 2010

Received the Department of Children's Services' Bill Williams Service Award for commitment, dedication and service to all adoptable children in the State of Tennessee, November 2010

Recommended to the Governor by the Tennessee Judicial Selection Commission as one of three candidates for the 2009 vacancy in the Tennessee Court of Appeals, Eastern Section

Named as one of Knoxville's Top Attorney's by CityView, August 2006, August 2008, September 2009, July 2011 and July 2012 and 2014-2017

Named Distinguished Young Alumna 2005-2006, Carson-Newman College, Business Department

150 Best Lawyers in the State of Tennessee, as determined by Business TN Magazine, January 2005, and Best 101 Lawyers in the State of Tennessee, as determined by Business TN Magazine, January 2004

Selected by the United States Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute as a 2004 *Angel in Adoption*[™]. Recommended by U.S. Congressman John Duncan, Jr.

Martindale Hubble Rating AV since February 2003

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

(Books only. Legal articles and creative writing publications available online.)

Author of *Coppock on Tennessee Adoption Law with Forms on CD, 7th Edition*. Published by Celtic Cat Publishing, 2017.

Author of *Coppock on Tennessee Adoption Law With Forms and Statutes, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Editions*. Published by Lexis Law Publishing in 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005 and 2011.

Member of the Editorial Advisory Board and Author of forward *Federal Adoption Laws*. Published by Lexis Law Publishing, 1999 and 2002

Author of *Tennessee Adoption Law With Forms and Statutes*. Published by Michie Co. April 1997

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

American Academy of Adoption Attorneys Fellow, 1992 – Present

Advisory Commission on the Rules of Practice and Procedure, appointed by the Tennessee Supreme Court, 2009 - 2011

American Bar Association, 1987 - Present
Family Law Section, 1991 - Present
Adoption Committee, 1991 - Present

Tennessee Bar Association, 1987 - Present
Founder and Chair of the Tennessee Bar Association Adoption Law Committee, 1991
Chair of the Adoption Law Committee, 1996-1997
Member of Family Law Section
Member of Appellate Practice Section
Member of Adoption Section 2018 - Present
Board Member of Tennessee Young Lawyers Conference, 1988 - 1992

Tennessee Bar Association Young Lawyers Fellow, 2009 – Present

Tennessee Bar Foundation Fellow, 2009 – Present
IOLTA Grant Review Committee, 2010 – 2012

Knoxville Bar Foundation Fellow, 2011 – Present

Knoxville Bar Association, 1998 – Present

Knoxville Bar Association Board of Governors 2015 and 2016

East Tennessee Lawyers' Association for Women, 1988 - Present

Executive Women's Association, 2018 - Present

Tennessee Lawyer's Association for Women, 2008 – Present

Tennessee Trial Lawyers, 1989-1993

Sevier County Bar Association, 2009 – Present

Southeast Tennessee Lawyers' Association for Women, 2015 - Present

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SEMINARS

A frequent seminar speaker for continuing legal education, judicial training, public information, prospective adoptive parents, and the media on the subject of adoption and termination of parental rights. Upcoming seminars, through Good Law, can be found at <https://www.goodlawtn.com/> and <http://dawncoppock.com/>

PERSONAL INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Reading and writing poetry, yoga, kayaking, hiking, politics, gardening, cooking, entertaining and travel