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LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- 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.
- 2017 – Present Owner, Operator and Primary Presenter for Good Law,
a seminar company serving attorneys.
- 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

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 Registered Lobbyist, Tennessee General Assembly (Volunteer)
Legislative
Sessions

DISTINCTIONS

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

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 2014-2020.

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.

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

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

Author of Coppock on Tennessee Adoption Law, 8th Ed. Published by Good Law 2024.

Author of Coppock on Tennessee Adoption Law with Forms on CD, 7th Edition. Published by Celtic Cat Publishing, 2017, now with a 2018 Supplement.

Author of *Coppock on Tennessee Adoption Law With Forms and Statutes*, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 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

Academy of Adoption & Assisted Reproduction Attorneys Fellow, 1992 – 2023

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 1996-1997, a founding member of the Tennessee Adoption Law Section 2018, Executive Committee 2017- present.

Board Member of Tennessee Young Lawyers Conference, 1988 - 1992

Member of Family Law Section

Juvenile and Children's Law Section

Tennessee Bar Association Young Lawyers Division 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