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Professional Licenses/Registrations/Certifications:

Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31 Listed General Civil Mediator (July 2015)
Tennessee Supreme Court Approved Mentor (March 2015)
License to Practice Law – State of Tennessee, 20702 (October 2000)
Admission to Tennessee Bar (November 2000)
Admission to U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee (March 2002)
Admission to U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee (May 2005)
Registered Architect – State of Tennessee, 22454 – Inactive (October 1991)
Registered Architect – Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, RA014649B – Inactive (October 1995)
Certified – National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, 42702 (June 1992)

Employment:

Catholic Diocese of Nashville – Nashville, TN (October 2009 - Present)
Director of the Permanent Diaconate

Working within the Governance & Services Offices (GSO) of the Diocese and reporting to the Bishop, I am primarily responsible for serving as the initial point of contact and liaison with the Diocese's 100 deacons. These duties include the following:

- Managing the day-to-day operations and electronic communications of the department;
- Serving as the initial point of contact for men discerning a vocational call to the diaconate;
- Participating in panel interviews of applicants and making recommendations to the Bishop;
- Developing and implementing a four-year formation curriculum, including identifying and managing instructional faculty;
- Organizing, planning and executing continuing education opportunities, including ministerial, pastoral and spiritual retreats;
- Representing the local diaconate at major liturgical events and regional and national conferences;
- Advising the Bishop on personnel assignments and issues; and
- Assisting in identifying and implementing conflict resolution solutions where needed.

Catholic Diocese of Nashville – Nashville, TN (August 2008 - Present)
Project Development Manager and Facility Manager

Working within the Governance & Services Offices (GSO) of the Diocese and reporting to the Bishop and the Chief Financial Officer, I am the primary in-house consultant for all new construction, renovation and maintenance initiatives undertaken by and in the Diocese. At present, the Diocese consists of 52 parishes, 3 missions, 2 high schools, 16 elementary schools, 1 cemetery, 1 independent living facility for the aged, and 1 assisted living facility for the aged. Additionally, I am the Facility Manager of the Diocese's new 220,000 s.f. Catholic Pastoral Center and am involved in the design, renovation, relocation and consolidation of Diocesan operations from four separate locations to the new facility.

While the various entities that comprise the Diocese maintain some level of autonomy, they are required by the Code of Canon Law and the Norms of the Diocese to work closely with the GSO on certain issues. My duties in this area include the following:

- Advising parishes and institutions on issues relating to minor and major maintenance, repair and renovation;
- Assisting these entities with master planning, programming, schematic design, design development, architect, engineer and contractor selection, financing considerations, bidding/negotiation and construction administration;
- Drafting and reviewing design and construction contracts and real property leases; and
- Advising the Bishop, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Board and Real Estate Committee on issues relating to design, construction and real property.

Lewis, King, Krieg & Waldrop, P.C. (now d/b/a Lewis, Thomason, King, Krieg & Waldrop, P.C.) – Nashville, TN (February 2002 - July 2008)

Senior Associate

Areas of Practice: Construction Law, Architect/Engineer Professional Liability, and General Civil Litigation

Drawing upon the experience from my former practice as an architect to evaluate and advance my clients' claims and defenses, I practiced primarily in the areas of general construction law and civil litigation. My legal experience includes the following:

- Representing numerous architects, engineers and surveyors in professional liability litigation;
- Representing one of the nation's largest residential developers in various contract, tort and lien matters;
- Representing national and regional construction material and equipment suppliers in their open credit account collection efforts;
- Representing one of the nation's largest mortgage lenders in mortgage and bankruptcy foreclosure actions;
- Providing consultation to other firm attorneys on construction-related aspects of litigation involving their clients; and
- Lecturing and making multi-media presentations to various legal, design professional, and trade groups on issues and trends in construction law.

Published Case:

Acuity, A Mutual Insurance Company v. McGhee Engineering, Inc., et al., 297 S.W.3d 718 (Tenn. Ct. App. 2008).

Kirksey & McNamee PLC (now d/b/a Kirksey & Cron PLC) – Brentwood, TN (August 2000 - February 2002)

Associate

Areas of Practice: Construction Law, Transactional Law and General Civil Litigation

Wayman, Irvin & McAuley, LLP – Pittsburgh, PA (March 1997 - April 2000)

Law Clerk

Areas of Firm Practice: Insurance Defense (Architects & Engineers, Construction, Motor Vehicle, Personal Injury and Real Estate) and General Civil Litigation

Poli & Cuteri Architects, Inc. (now d/b/a Strada, LLC) – Pittsburgh, PA (August 1995 - July 1996)

Project Manager

Areas of Practice: Commercial, Religious and Residential Architecture

Earl Swensson Associates, Inc. – Nashville, TN (July 1988 – July 1995)

Advanced from Senior Draftsman to Senior Project Architect

Areas of Practice: Commercial, Healthcare and Hospitality Architecture

Education:

Nashville Conflict Resolution Center (April 2015)
Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31 General Civil and Victim-Offender Mediation Training

Nashville Conflict Resolution Center (Scheduled for October 2015)
Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31 Family Mediation Training

Catholic Diocese of Nashville Permanent Diaconate Formation Program (June 2006)
Ordained by The Most Reverend David R. Choby, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Nashville

University of Pittsburgh School of Law (May 2000)
Juris Doctor

University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public & International Affairs (April 2000)
Master of Urban and Regional Planning
Specialization in Urban Management & Metropolitan Policy

Academic Publication:

Clyde Mitchell-Weaver, David Miller and Ronald Deal, Jr., *Multilevel Governance and Metropolitan Regionalism in the USA*, Urban Studies, May 2000 (Vol. 37:5/6).

University of Tennessee School of Architecture (June 1988)
Bachelor of Architecture with Honors

Montgomery Bell Academy (May 1983)

Speaking Engagements:

Numerous speaking opportunities relating to my professional and ministerial duties as a Permanent Deacon for the Diocese of Nashville, most often in the nature of developing and preaching homilies to large congregations and delivering educational presentations to smaller groups in connection with faith formation.

“QPR Suicide Awareness and Prevention” for Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (multiple presentations throughout 2007)

“Team Approach to Crisis Response” in conjunction with XLDP Insurance (multiple presentations throughout 2007)

“Best Practices for Avoiding the Legal Pitfalls of Building” for the Home Builders Association of Middle Tennessee (multiple presentations throughout 2007)

“Successful Use of AIA Documents” for Lorman Education Services (2005)

“Rights and Remedies under the Private and Public Prompt Pay Acts” for the American Subcontractors Association of Tennessee (2005)

“Design-Build and Construction Management in Tennessee” for Lorman Education Services (2003 and 2004)

Professional Involvement:

Nashville Conflict Resolution Center – Volunteer Mediator (2015-Present)

Tennessee Supreme Court – Approved Mentor (2015)

Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Program (2006 - Present)

Regional Assistance & Monitoring (RAM) Team member; focus on stress management, quality of life, and suicide awareness and prevention issues facing the legal profession

Tennessee Association of Construction Counsel - Member (2005 - Present)

American Bar Association TIPS National Trial Academy – Graduate (2005)

Home Builders Association of Middle Tennessee – Member (2006 - 2008)

St. Thomas More Society of Middle Tennessee – Treasurer (2004 - 2008)

Nashville, Tennessee and American Bar Associations - Member (2000 - 2008)

AIA Tennessee and AIA Middle Tennessee – Intern Development Program Coordinator (1992-1994)

Religious and Civic Involvement:

Permanent Deacon for the Catholic Diocese of Nashville (2006 - Present)

Assigned to Holy Family Church in Brentwood, I assist at Mass, preach, preside at baptisms, weddings, and funerals, and provide pastoral counseling. In addition, I work with the Adult Faith Formation and Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults teams.

National Association of Diaconate Directors – Member (2008 - Present)

Chair of National Convention (2011)

Permanent Deacon Council for the Catholic Diocese of Nashville – Secretary (2007 - 2009)

Mary, Queen of Angels Assisted Living Community – Board of Trustees (2008-2014)

ACE Mentor Program of Tennessee – Board of Directors (2002 - 2008)

Member of founding Board of Directors for 501(c)(3) corporation that enlightens and motivates high school students toward careers in architecture, construction, engineering, and related fields by providing mentoring and scholarship opportunities

Middle Tennessee Roller Hockey Alliance – Head Referee (1992-1995)

Youth, Inc. Roller Hockey League – Head Referee (2000-2002)

Nashville FC (National Premier Soccer League) – Founder No. 28 (2014)

Match Day Public Address Announcer (2015)

NFC Roadies Supporter Group – Founding Member (2014)