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**SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS**

**EDUCATION**

Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William and Mary,  
Williamsburg, VA. J.D., May 1984.  
Allegheny College, Meadville, PA. B.A., March 1977.

**BAR ADMISSIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

Ohio, 1984; Kentucky, 1987; North Carolina, 1990  
North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission: Certification to conduct Family  
Financial Issues mediation conferences in equitable distribution cases, June 7,  
2000 (renewed annually)

**CONTINUING EDUCATION**

- June 2010      “Dilemmas of Working with High Conflict Families: Who, What, When,”  
presented by Dr. Helen T. Brantley, sponsored by North Carolina Association of  
Professional Family Mediators, Browns Summit, North Carolina (2 hours)
- Sept. 2009      “The Divorced Parent’s Relationship: Helping Parents Adjust Boundaries and  
Enhance Skills,” presented by Dr. Isolina Ricci, sponsored by North Carolina  
Association of Professional Family Mediators, Browns Summit, North Carolina  
(5.5 hours)
- May 2008      “Reconceptualizing Child Custody: Past, Present and Future – Lawyers and  
Psychologists Working Together,” presented by ABA Family Law Section and  
American Psychological Association, Chicago, Illinois (15 hours)
- Sept. 2007      Client-Centered Divorce Mediation Training presented by Chip Rose, J.D.,  
sponsored by North Carolina Association of Professional Family Mediators,  
Greensboro, North Carolina (5.5 hours)
- Oct. 2006      Parenting Coordinator Training presented by North Carolina Bar Association in  
cooperation with the Center for Cooperative Parenting, Atlantic Beach, North  
Carolina (24 hours)
- March 2004      Successful Mediations CLE program presented by Dispute Resolution Section of

- the North Carolina Bar Association, Cary, North Carolina (4 hours)
- Oct. 2002 Divorce Mediation Training for Professionals presented by Elizabeth Manley of Atlanta Divorce Mediators, Inc., Wilmington, North Carolina (40 hours; also taught segment on domestic relations law in North Carolina)
- Feb. 28 - Annual Conference, Association for Conflict Resolution – Family Section,  
Mar. 2, 2002 Savannah, Georgia (attended 14 hours of seminars on family and custody mediation)
- May 2000 Family Mediation Training presented by Community Mediation Center of Cape Fear, Wilmington, North Carolina (attended 8 hours on ethics and standards of practice, and mediation of custody matters)
- Oct. 1999 Family and Divorce Mediation Training presented by Mediation, Inc., Raleigh, North Carolina (40 hours)

## **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

- July 2005 - President, Hager & Associates Law Office, P.C., in private practice in present Wilmington, North Carolina, limiting my practice to all areas of domestic relations law (including mediation as well as negotiation and litigation).
- July 1995 - Sole Practitioner in Wilmington, North Carolina, in private practice handling  
June 2005 domestic relations matters (with emphasis on custody/visitation, support, and domestic violence), workers' compensation claims (until 2003), and other civil litigation.
- May 1990 - Associate Attorney, Law Offices of Alexander M. Hall, Wilmington, NC.  
June 1995 Assisted Mr. Hall in private practice handling personal injury actions, workers' compensation claims, domestic relations matters, and other civil litigation.
- May 1987 - Attorney, Northeast Kentucky Legal Services, Inc., Ashland, KY.  
Nov. 1989 Represented low-income clients in contested custody and other domestic relations matters; provided representation at administrative hearings on public benefit, unemployment insurance, and Supplemental Security income (SSI) disability claims; handled wide range of landlord/tenant and public housing cases; advised clients with debt collection problems, and handled Chapter 7 bankruptcy cases. Promoted to Managing Attorney in July 1989. Member of statewide Legal Services Family Law Task Force.
- Nov. 1984 - Staff Attorney, Southeastern Ohio Legal Services Program, Portsmouth, OH.  
April 1987 Represented low-income clients in domestic relations, landlord/tenant, public benefit, SSI, and unemployment compensation matters.

## **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

2003 to 2010 EVOLVE Wilmington, Faith Community Action Team, Co-Chair.

Aug. 1990 - Domestic Violence Shelter and Services, Inc., Wilmington, NC:  
Jan. 1998 Member, Board of Directors; President Jan. 1996 - Jan. 1998.

July 1990 St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, NC: Member,  
to date choir member, Elder serving on Session January 2008 to date.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Bar Association (Family Law Section)  
North Carolina Bar Association (Family Law Section)  
New Hanover County and Fifth Judicial District Bar Associations  
North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys  
Associate for Conflict Resolution (Family Section)  
North Carolina Association of Professional Family Mediators