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**EDUCATION**

J. D., Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D. C., 1976

Tulane University School of Law (1973-74) (senior year of college)

Newcomb College, Tulane University, New Orleans, La.,

B. A. Degree - Philosophy, May, 1974 (1970-73)

Phi Beta Kappa

University Scholars Program

Dean's List 1971-74

Combination Degree Program (law school during senior year)

**EMPLOYMENT**

**November 2009 - present**

**Owner, Satori ADR, L.L.C.**

Alternative Dispute Resolution Services, including mediation, arbitration, special master appointments. Member of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals.

**June 1983 to November 2009**

**United States Magistrate Judge**

**Western District of Louisiana, Lafayette, La.**

Performed the full range of duties in civil and criminal cases as authorized under 28 U.S.C. § 636. Presided over jury and non-jury trials, including maritime, commercial, personal injury, products liability, medical malpractice, patents, trademark, securities fraud, and civil rights. Ruled on pretrial motions; conducted pretrial conferences; selected juries; acted as special master in EEOC and other cases; issued reports and recommendations on case-dispositive motions, social security appeals, habeas corpus petitions, and civil rights claims.

Conducted over a thousand settlement conferences in a wide variety of litigation. In criminal cases, presided over felony pretrial matters, including arraignment, bail and detention hearings, evidentiary hearings on motions to suppress; conducted criminal trials in misdemeanor and petty offense cases; accepted guilty pleas; issued search and arrest warrants; selected grand jury members and presided over matters affecting their service; accepted grand jury returns. Sentenced thousands of defendants in wildlife offense cases under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the National Wildlife Refuge Act.

**January 1981 to June 1983 - STAFF ATTORNEY, U. S. Department of the Interior  
Office of Surface Mining (OSM) Field Solicitor's Office, Charleston, W. Va.**

Provided legal advice and representation to OSM within a seven-state area: Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, pertaining to enforcement of environmental laws regulating surface mining of coal. Represented OSM in suits arising in federal district court in eleven districts, including cases challenging the constitutionality of the Act; in proceedings to review administrative decisions; and in suits brought on behalf of OSM for temporary restraining orders and permanent injunctions under 30 U.S.C. 1271(c); represented OSM at administrative hearings challenging the validity of violation notices and cessation-of-mining orders issued by OSM, and contesting the amount of penalties assessed.

**January 1979 to January 1981 - ASSISTANT U. S. ATTORNEY  
Western District of Louisiana, Shreveport, Louisiana**

Served in both the civil and the criminal divisions. Defended medical malpractice and other tort cases filed against the government; responsible for all aspects of litigation from inception through trial. Received special training in civil trial techniques at the Attorney General's Trial Advocacy Institute in Washington, D. C.; attended seminars on tort law and medical malpractice litigation. Served as prosecutor on a series of vote-fraud cases arising out of the 1978 Congressional election.

**August 1977 to January 1979 - GIST, METHVIN, HUGHES & MUNSTERMAN  
Associate at Law Firm, Alexandria, Louisiana**

Provided legal advice and representation to clients in a variety of matters, including tort law (both plaintiff and defense work), domestic law, indigent criminal defense, contracts, and successions. Conducted a number of trials in state district courts throughout the state. Represented the City of Alexandria in a number of proceedings involving the violation of municipal ordinances, and provided the City with legal analyses of its obligations under federal, state and local laws.

**August 1974 to May 1977 - STAFF ASSISTANT, U. S. Representative Gillis W. Long,  
8th Congressional District of La., Washington, D.C.**

Worked full-time as staff assistant to Congressman Long while attending Georgetown Law School at night. Served as legislative aid and constituent liaison; attended committee hearings to monitor issues of interest, drafted speeches, met with state and local officials to discuss legislation; helped coordinate efforts of the Louisiana delegation with respect to various projects such as construction of I-49 and the Red River Waterway; assisted several Louisiana contractors coordinate their efforts to provide emergency relief to earthquake victims in Guatemala, by serving as a liaison with the Department of State.

**ACTIVITIES**

U. S. Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of the Magistrate Judges System; Appointment by Chief Justice William Rehnquist, 1997-2003.

Founder and Organizational Chair, American Inn of Court of Acadiana (Dec. 1989); Executive Committee Member (1989-present).

Volunteer Board Member, AMIKids Acadiana; an organization which serves adjudicated and at-risk youth in Acadiana (2011-present).

Founder and Organizational Chair, John M. Duhé, Jr. American Inn of Court, Lafayette, Louisiana, 1996-1997.

Member, Fifth Circuit Advisory Committee, American Inns of Court Foundation (2013-present).

Arbitration Judge, ABA Law Student Division Regionals, LSU Law School, November 22, 2009.

Games of Acadiana, Miles Perret Cancer Center, Captain Jack Sparrow, 2003-2009.

Inn on the Teche American Inn of Court, Organizational Consultant, 1996.

Certified Mediator, American Arbitration Association.

Graduate, Leadership Lafayette V, 1990-1991.

Co-Chair, LSBA Federal Court Bench-Bar Liaison Committee for the Western District of La., 1993-94; Member, 1991-92

**SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

Litigating Disability Insurance Claims, American Conference Institute, New York, New York  
*View from the Bench*, January 24, 2014.

Lafayette Parish Bar Association CLE by the Hour, Lafayette, Louisiana  
*Alternative Dispute Resolution*, November 26, 2013

Advanced Forum on Asbestos Claims and Litigation, Chicago, Illinois  
*View from the Bench*, June 27, 2013

Lafayette Parish Bar Association "Running in Heels" Workshop, Lafayette, Louisiana  
*Women in Mediation*, May 10, 2013.

Brain Injury Claims and Litigation, American Conference Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
*View from the Bench*, March 15, 2013

Aviation Litigation Seminar, American Conference Institute, Boston, Massachusetts  
*View from the Bench*, June 27, 2012, June 23, 2010, and June 24, 2009.

National Forum on Construction Litigation, American Conference Institute, Orlando, Florida  
*View from the Bench*, March 1, 2012

Wage and Hour Litigation and Class Actions, American Conference Institute, Miami Florida  
*View from the Bench*, January 31, 2012

Recent Developments by the Judiciary, Shreveport Bar Association, Louisiana  
*Tips and Tricks of Mediators*, October 6, 2011.

Retaliation & Discrimination Litigation, American Conference Institute, New York, New York  
*View from the Bench*, July 28, 2011

Civility and Ethics Seminar, Federal Bar Association, Acadiana Chapter, Lafayette, La.  
*Professionalism and Skill in ADR*, December 1, 2010,

Employment Litigation Seminar, American Conference Institute, New York, New York  
*View from the Bench*, Feb.26, 2010

Automotive Product Liability Seminar, American Conference Institute, Chicago, Illinois  
*View from the Bench*, Nov. 20, 2009

University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Phi Beta Kappa Lecture Series  
*What the Bleep Do We Know? –The Value of Asking the Right Questions*, February 2005

Louisiana State Bar Association, Bridging the Gap Seminar Speaker:  
2002: Federal Practice  
2001: Federal Practice  
1996: Federal Discovery and Motion Practice  
1995: Federal Discovery and Motion Practice

Louisiana State Bar Association: Intellectual Property Law Seminar, New Orleans, LA  
*Judicial Perspective*, November 22, 1996

Lafayette Parish Bar Association, Seminar on Pretrial Practice, Lafayette, Louisiana  
*Federal Procedure and Discovery*, May, 1990.

Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Lafayette Program  
*The Judicial System*, November, 1987 and May, 1990

Lawyers in the Classroom Project, Young Lawyers Council, Louisiana Bar Association  
*Moderator and Presiding Judge* - mock drug arrest, bail hearing, trial and sentencing

presented to 7th and 8th grade students at Paul Breaux School, March, 1990.

Louisiana Task Force on Gender Bias in the Courts, Acadiana Association of Women Attorneys  
*Funding Issues* (1990)  
*New Practitioners in Federal Court* (1986),

Louisiana Bar Association Workshop, Lafayette, Louisiana  
*Effective Use of Pretrial Discovery -- Discovery Abuse, Sanctions and Ethical Responsibilities*, December, 1989.

Organizer and Moderator of Seminar on Federal Sentencing Guidelines, arranged in conjunction with the Lafayette Parish Bar Association and the U. S. Probation Office, and approved by the La. Bar Assn. for CLE credit (continuing legal education), July, 1989.

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals  
Louisiana Bar Association  
Lafayette Parish Bar Association  
American Inn of Court of Acadiana, Program Chair (2004-2013)  
Federal Magistrate Judges Association  
National Association of Women Judges, Assistant Director, District Six (1989-1990)