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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)  
Tulane University, B.A. Philosophy, May, 1974 (1970-1973) (*Phi Beta Kappa*)

**EMPLOYMENT**

**November 2009 - present**                      **Owner, Satori ADR, L.L.C.**

Alternative dispute resolution and consulting services, including mediation, arbitration, special master appointments. Member of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals.

**March 2012 - present**                      **Mildred E. Methvin, LLC, Attorney at Law**

Private law practice, civil and criminal. General tort, environmental, med-mal, teacher tenure, criminal defense. Served as contract attorney with Capital Defense Project of SE Louisiana (2012-2013). Appear in state and federal courts in civil and criminal matters.

**July - December 2014**                      **District Judge Pro Tem**  
**27<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, St. Landry Parish, La.**

Appointed by Louisiana Supreme Court to fill a temporary vacancy. Presided over all aspects of large criminal and civil docket, including jury and non-jury trials. Supervised four staff members, including a law clerk and two court reporters.

**January 2011 - April 2013**                      **U. S. Magistrate Judge (Recall service)**

Served as part-time U. S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Maryland (criminal docket) and the Middle District of Pennsylvania (civil docket). Supervised law clerks and support staff.

**June 1983 – November 2009**                      **United States Magistrate Judge**  
**Western District of Louisiana, Lafayette, La.**

Full-time U. S. Magistrate Judge for twenty-six years, exercising full scope of statutory jurisdiction. Presided over jury and non-jury trials in wide range of civil cases, including civil rights, maritime, commercial, personal injury, products liability, medical malpractice, patents, trademark, and securities fraud. Managed class actions, collective actions, and MDL litigation arising from Hurricane Rita. Presided over motions to suppress, arraignments,

detention/bail hearings, misdemeanor trials, guilty pleas, evidentiary hearings in state habeas cases (including capital case). Issued search warrants, arrest warrants, selected grand juries, sentenced several thousand misdemeanor offenders. Conducted over a thousand settlement conferences in a wide variety of civil litigation. Supervised two law clerks and support staff.

**January 1981 – June 1983**      **Staff Attorney, U. S. Dept. of Interior, OSM, Charleston, WV**

Represented Office of Surface Mining within a seven-state area pertaining to enforcement of environmental laws regulating surface mining of coal.

**January 1979 – January 1981**      **Assistant U. S. Attorney, Civil and Criminal Divisions  
Western District of Louisiana, Shreveport**

In civil division, defended medical malpractice and other tort cases. Attended Attorney General's Trial Advocacy Institute in Washington, D. C. In criminal division, served as prosecutor on a series of vote-fraud cases arising out of the 1978 Congressional election, including several weeks of trial in federal court in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

**August 1977 – January 1979**      **Associate, Gist, Methvin & Trimble  
Alexandria, La.**

General civil practice, both plaintiff and defense work. Conducted a number of trials in state district courts throughout the region. Appointed to represent indigent defendants in state court hearings.

**August 1974 – May 1977**      **Staff Assistant, Washington, D.C.  
U. S. Representative Gillis W. Long**

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.

**BOARD MEMBERSHIPS**

University of Louisiana University System Board of Supervisors (2019 to present)

Board Chair (2018 to present) and Board Member (2011 to present) AMIkids Acadiana, serving adjudicated and at-risk youth. Also serve on executive committee of AMIkids, Inc., based in Tampa, FL, and the national program evaluation and development committee.

**ACTIVITIES**

Candidate for Congress, 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District of Louisiana, 2018.

Louisiana Judicial Campaign Oversight Committee, 2014-2016 (appointed by La. Supreme Court)

Member, Fifth Circuit Advisory Committee, American Inns of Court Foundation (2013-2016);  
 Founder and Organizational Chair of both Inns of Court in Lafayette, La. (1989 and 1996)

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

Leadership Lafayette Graduate (1990-1991)

### **PROFESSIONAL APPEARANCES**

Judicial panel speaker for American Conference Institute 2009 – 2017. Sample programs:

Defending and Managing Class Actions, New York, NY, April 12, 2016  
 Aviation Litigation Seminar, Boston & New York, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2016  
 Admiralty & Maritime Claims and Litigation, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017  
 Litigation of Life Insurance Claims, New York, NY, April 20, 2017  
 Labor Management Relations, New York, NY, 2015  
 Securities Litigation, New York, NY, 2015  
 Brain Injury Claims and Litigation, Philadelphia, PA, 2013  
 Construction Litigation, Orlando, FL, March 1, 2012  
 Wage and Hour Class Action Litigation, Miami, FL, 2012  
 Retaliation & Discrimination Litigation, New York, NY, 2011  
 Employment Litigation Seminar, New York, NY, 2010  
 Automotive Product Liability Seminar, Chicago, IL, 2009

Speaker, Federal Bar Association - Commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Federal Magistrates Act of 1968, June 21, 2019, U. S. District Court, Lafayette, LA

Lafayette Parish Bar Association, speaker on various topics including negotiation, mediation, federal pretrial practice, discovery, managing stress, work-life balance, 1990 - 2019.

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

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 on federal practice (1995-2002)

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