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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*<sup>™</sup>. 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 with Forms on CD*, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition. Published by Celtic Cat Publishing, 2017, now with a 2018 Supplement.

Author of *Coppock on Tennessee Adoption Law With Forms and Statutes*, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 – Present

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