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EDUCATION

Washington University School of Law Professional Institute, St. Louis, Missouri
Civil Mediation (Rule 17 Certified), 2020

Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri

Juris Doctor (Top 25% of class), 2003

- Global Studies Law Review
- Dean's List
- Judicial Clerkship Clinic with Hon. Jean Hamilton, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri

Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri

Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, Honors College, History and Library Science, May 1994.

ADMISSIONS

Mediation and Assessment Program, United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, 2021-present

Missouri Supreme Court. United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri. 2003-present

Illinois Supreme Court. 2004-2013 (currently inactive)

Nevada Supreme Court. 2008-2014 (currently inactive)

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Rooney McBride & Smith, LLC, Springfield, Missouri

Of Counsel, 2021 to present

- Civil litigation in numerous industries and areas of law, including personal injury, real estate, construction, business, probate, and employment, representing both plaintiffs and defendants
- Mediator of all types of civil disputes, both pre-litigation and during pendency of litigation in state and federal courts
- Probate administration and litigation
- Trust administration
- Estate planning
- Business services, including contract drafting, employment negotiations and agreements, reviewing and preparing business formation documents
- Construction law, including mechanic's liens, drafting and reviewing contracts, and construction litigation
- Insurance law, including coverage opinions, insurance coverage litigation, and advising clients regarding risk management and insurance coverage

Evans & Dixon, LLC, Springfield, Missouri

Member, 2016 to 2021

Senior Associate, 2014 to 2016

- Civil litigation
- Insurance defense litigation
- Mediator, civil disputes
- Estate planning

Snell & Wilmer, LLP, Las Vegas, Nevada

Associate Attorney, 2008 to 2013

- Commercial litigation

McCarthy Building Companies, St. Louis, Missouri

Corporate Attorney, 2007 to 2008

- Managed and supervised litigation and claims
- Contract review
- General business services

Rabbitt, Pitzer & Snodgrass, P.C., St. Louis, Missouri

Associate Attorney, 2003 to 2007; Law Clerk, 2002-2003

- Insurance defense litigation in numerous industries and areas of law, including personal injury, architects and engineers liability, real estate, construction, insurance coverage, commercial liability, and premises liability

COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT

- **Court Appointed Special Advocates (C.A.S.A.) of Southwest Missouri**, Board member, 2019 – present, Secretary 2021.
- **Southern Missouri Women Lawyers (SMWL)**, Member, 2014 to present; Board member, 2017 – present, Treasurer 2018-2019, Vice President/President-Elect 2020, President, 2021.
- **Association of Missouri Mediators**, member, 2020 to present.
- **Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association**, member, 2013 to present.
- **Missouri Bar Association**, 2003 to present
- **Missouri Military Legal Assistance Team**, Pro Bono representation of active duty military through the Missouri Attorney General
- **Volunteer, Vietnam War Memorial Post 639, Inc. (American Legion)**, and member of American Legion Auxiliary, 2014 to present.
- **Volunteer, The Ronald Coase Institute**, 2008 to present.