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Education:

Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, Ohio 1995-1998

J.D., 1998, *cum laude*

Recipient of the American Bankruptcy Institute Medal of Excellence

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA 1991-1995

B.A., Political Science Major

Starting Wide Receiver for Ivy League Champion Football Team

St. Ignatius High School, Cleveland, Ohio 1987-1991

Work Experience:

The Congeni Law Firm, LLC

Practice devoted primarily to bankruptcy and business litigation matters

Of counsel to the Law Office of Emile L. Turner, Jr., LLC

McGlinchey Stafford, PLLC

643 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA Aug. 2000 – Dec. 2004

Associate in firm's Commercial Litigation Section

The Honorable Margaret A. Mahoney,

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Mobile, AL Sept. 1998 – Aug. 2000

Law Clerk for Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Alabama

Representative Matters:

Successfully litigated enforceability of maritime lien against Chapter 11 debtor / operator of charter business; client received full amount of claim from Chapter 11 liquidating trust

Has represented Chapter 7 Trustees, including prosecution of avoidance actions in case filed by marine cargo broker and litigation of multiple priority disputes in case filed by a manufacturer of flags and other specialty items

Negotiated agreed dismissal of Chapter 11 case filed by dredging company, resulting in client obtaining control of the company

Represented Chapter 11 debtors owning multi-unit rental properties

Assisted in defense of motion to appoint trustee and confirmation of plan in Chapter 11 single asset real estate case

Represented individuals and entities in dischargeability proceedings, including successful defense of roofing contractor against claims by insurer and claims by co-investors against operator of service and gaming business

Represented company with claims against Chapter 11 general contractor; successfully moved for appointment of Trustee to take over operations of the debtor

Obtained judgment against general contractor and bonding company for full amount due to subcontractor on various remediation projects

Represented supplier in Chapter 11 case filed by jewelry retailer

Represented class of plaintiffs in Chapter 11 case filed by cable television service provider

Representing risk indemnification trust participant in Chapter 11 case filed by the trust

Memberships / Other Information:

Completed the National Institute for Trial Advocacy's Trial and Deposition Skills Seminars

Admitted to practice before the Federal District Courts for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana and the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

Speaker on bankruptcy and collection matters at Continuing Legal Education and other professional seminars

Contributed articles published in the Bankruptcy Section of New Orleans Bar Association's "Bar Briefs" Magazine

Member American Bankruptcy Institute

Member National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys

Member New Orleans Lawn and Tennis Club

Married; two children ages 5 and 7