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PROFILE AND PRACTICE AREAS

Intellectual Property, Sports and Entertainment Law - I have represented businesses and individuals regarding copyright and trademark litigation and contract negotiation. I have also represented athletes in various aspects of business and investment opportunities, and have represented artists, managers and record companies in various aspects of entertainment law, primarily in the areas of contract drafting and negotiation. In addition, I have represented clients regarding motion picture finance and production. I am also a former NFL Certified Contract Advisor (Agent).

Litigation - I have represented major corporations, manufacturers, trucking and insurance companies, as well as local businesses and individuals. My focus has been in the areas of insurance and risk matters and coverage, product liability defense, fire cases, commercial litigation, general litigation/counseling and construction issues. I have also handled more complex litigation, including ERISA-based reinsurance fraud, healthcare/opioid claims and toxic exposure claims. I have first-chaired trials throughout my career and dealt extensively with discovery-related issues and alternative dispute resolution. I have managed litigation and have dealt extensively with litigation budgeting. I have dealt extensively with expert witness preparation and depositions and have written a book regarding expert witnesses in automobile and accident reconstruction.

Mediation- for the last several years, I have served as a private mediator in a wide variety of cases, including personal injury, product liability, business disputes, insurance bad faith, and others.

EMPLOYMENT

Gable Gotwals - Shareholder
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma - January 2011 to present

Smith, Rhodes, Stewart & Elder – Of Counsel
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma – January 2010 to December 2010

McGivern, Gilliard & Curthoys - Head of Litigation, Oklahoma City Office
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, - October 2008 to December 2009

Jennings, Cook, Hoisington & Teague– Of Counsel
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma– November 2005 to October 2008

EDUCATION

The University of Oklahoma College of Law, J.D. 1987
The University of Oklahoma, B.A., Public Administration 1984

MEMBERSHIPS, HONORS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Admitted to Practice:

State of Oklahoma
U.S. District Court, Western, Northern and Eastern Districts of Oklahoma
U.S. District Court, Colorado.

American Bar Association

Oklahoma Bar Association

Oklahoma County Bar Association – Board of Directors, 2014-2017, 2019-2021.

Defense Research Institute (DRI)

Product Liability Committee (past Chair and Vice Chair, Automotive Specialized Litigation Group), Insurance Law Committee, Trucking Law Committee

International Association of Defense Counsel

Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (Current Oklahoma State Representative)

Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator, National Association of Fire Investigators

Board of Directors, Free To Live Animal Sanctuary (Guthrie, OK)

Best Lawyers in America

Benchmark Litigation- Local Litigation Star

Super Lawyers- Top 50 Lawyers in Oklahoma

Martindale Hubbell - AV Rated

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

"Examination of EPA's Risk Assessment of Chemicals in the 21st Century" –
Co-presenter, International Association of Defense Counsel Winter Meeting, February 2020.

"Expert Witnesses: Motor Vehicle and Accident Reconstruction Cases", Book for Thomson Reuters (2008- 2023).

"We're Not In Kansas Anymore: The Challenges of Trying Cases in Unfamiliar Jurisdictions" (DRI Annual Meeting, October, 2017)

Faculty presenter- Mass Torts Forum, New York City (April 2015)

"So You Wanna Be a Rock and Roll Star? The Basics of the Music Business", Oklahoma Bar Association Intellectual Property Section Meeting, June 2014 (also published as separate article, Fall 2012)

"A Little Lime(Wire) with Your Copy? In a Virtual Den of Copyright Thieves", (Co-Author, WhatsupinIP.com, April 2011)

And Now for Something Completely Ethical - Multimedia presentation on legal ethics, Defense Research Institute Product Liability Conference 2022 and several additional presentations)

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“Alter Ego: Tales from the Dark Side”, Adkisson and Riser’s Developments in Asset Protection
(April 2005)

Many additional various articles over the years on product liability matters and insurance law.

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

Playing guitar and singing, music generally, baseball (especially the Baltimore Orioles) and improvisational comedy.

REFERENCES

Available Upon Request