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PERSONAL

Birthdate: September 4, 1954
Married to Michael Peeler
Three children

EDUCATION

Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, NC
J.D. May 1980

Meredith College, Raleigh, NC
B.A. May 1976, Cum Laude, Double major in English and history

EXPERIENCE

Mediator and Arbitrator, Private Practice

Karen Britt Peeler, Attorney at Law and Mediator, Raleigh, NC, 1996 – present
Mediation of civil disputes and lawsuits in all civil areas, including real estate litigation, construction law, landlord-tenant disputes, personal injury, property damage, breach of contract, family financial and custody, workers compensation, professional malpractice, and employment matters
Assist mediation training business with mediator training
Arbitration of real property and construction, personal injury, property damage and employment construction litigation issues
Serve as guardian ad litem and trustee for minors in catastrophic injury matters
Litigation of general civil matters, including professional negligence, family financial, and real property disputes
Advise business clients in contract, real estate, and insurance matters

Litigation Attorney and Mediator

Gailor and Associates, PLLC, Raleigh, NC, 1994-1996
Mediation of personal injury, medical malpractice, legal malpractice, real estate, and employment lawsuits
Litigation of legal malpractice, medical malpractice, personal injury, family law, wrongful discharge and discrimination matters

Claims Counsel

Lawyers Mutual Liability Insurance Company of NC, Raleigh, NC, 1988 - 1994
Evaluated and managed legal malpractice claims files in litigated and claims repair cases, advised insureds, negotiated settlements, supervised outside counsel in litigated cases and in claims repair matters
Represented company in mediations statewide
Taught company-sponsored malpractice prevention seminars, participated as faculty in continuing legal education

Senior Associate Attorney

Boyce, Mitchell, Burns & Smith, P.A., Raleigh, NC, 1983 - 1987

Litigation attorney in legal malpractice defense, personal injury, medical malpractice, Workers Compensation, construction, zoning, landlord-tenant, Rule 10(b)(5) and Unfair Trade Practices claims; criminal defense in federal and state courts

Staff Attorney

North Carolina Court of Appeals, Central Staff, Raleigh, NC, 1980 - 1983

Research Assistant to Professor James Sizemore

Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, NC, 1978-80

Law Clerk

David P. Green; William E. Marshall, Jr.; Donald H. Solomon; Theodore A. Nodell, Jr., Raleigh, NC, Summer 1979

Law Clerk and Investigator

Brenman, Sobol, Baum, Zerobnick, Epstein, Zuckerman and Lutz, P.C., Denver, CO, Summer 1978

Newspaper Reporter

The Sentinel, Winston-Salem, NC, 1976-77

Newspaper Reporter, Copy Editor

The News Reporter, Whiteville, NC, Summer 1976

Researcher, Writer

North Carolina Department of Labor, OSHA Division, Raleigh, NC, 1975-76

Writer, Photography Assistant

Meredith Information Services, Meredith College, Raleigh, NC, 1973-76

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

The North Carolina State Bar, admitted August 1980

Superior Court Mediator Certification, NC Dispute Resolution Commission, 1995

Family Financial Mediator, North Carolina, Dispute Resolution Commission, 2003

Workers Compensation Mediator, North Carolina Industrial Commission, 1997

Wake County District Court Arbitration Certification, 1997

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

North Carolina Bar Association, Dispute Resolution Section, Litigation Section

North Carolina Academy of Superior Court Mediators

North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers

North Carolina Academy of Superior Court Mediators

Wake County Bar Association

Tenth Judicial District Bar

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

North Carolina Bar Association
Dispute Resolution Council 2007-09, CLE Co-Chair 2003-04,
Membership Chair 2002-03, 2008-09
Wake County Bar Association
Grievance Committee 2008-2010
Board of Directors 2008-10, 2003-06, 1984-86
Editor of The Wake Bar Flyer, 1982-86
North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers
Public Service & Information Committee
Dean and Coordinator, People's Law School, 1985-86
Raleigh Telecommunications Commission (commissioned by Council), 1983-86

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Broughton Business Alliance, 2001-present
Broughton High School PTSA Board, 2001-present
Broughton Business Alliance Liaison, 2001-present
Daniels Middle School PTA Board, 2004-2007
Lacy Elementary School PTA Board, 1992-2004
Martin Middle School PTA Board, 1996-2003
Red Sword Guild, Wake County Chapter, American Cancer Society, 1998-present
Board of Directors, Arts Education Coalition of North Carolina, North Carolina Alliance
for Arts Education, 2002-2005
Hayes Barton United Methodist Church, Preschool Board of Directors 1999-2002,
Children's Council 1992-96, Elementary Education Council, 1992-96
National Charity League, Dogwood Chapter, 2001-2007
North Hills Club Long-Range Planning, 2001-2002
Chairman, Artsposure Spring Arts and Jazz Festival, 1999
Volunteer, Relay for Life, Wake County Chapter, American Cancer Society, 1998-2006
Meredith College Alumnae Association, Alumnae Scholarship Fund Committee,
1998-99; Executive Council and Class Agent, 1981-86
Wake Forest University Alumni and Development Office, Reunion Chair, 1982, 1985,
1990, 1995, 2000, 2005
North Carolina State Internship Council, 1982-84