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PERSONAL

Born November 5, 1956, Pensacola, Florida

EDUCATION

Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama

Bachelor of Arts 1978

Pi Sigma Alpha Honorary (Political Science)

Phi Alpha Theta Honorary (History)

Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honorary

Sigma Nu Fraternity

Congressional Intern, 95th Congress, Washington, D.C.

Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, Florida

Juris Doctor Degree 1981

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer, Florida Bar Board of Certification, 1990 - present

Diplomate, Board Certified Civil Trial Advocate, National Board of Trial Advocacy,
1990 – present

Certified Circuit Court Mediator, Florida Supreme Court
(Certification Number 6145CR), 1994 to present

“AV” rating by Martindale-Hubbell

AREAS ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

All state trial and appellate courts in the State of Florida

United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida

United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida

United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

United States Supreme Court

MEDIATION / ARBITRATION

Certified Circuit Court Mediator, Florida Supreme Court. (Certification Number 6145CR) 1994 to present.

Mediated claims involving personal injury, wrongful death, medical negligence, product liability, construction defects, real estate, and contractual disputes.

Arbitrator, Fibreboard Global Asbestos Settlement Claims Trust.

Served as arbitrator on nationwide panel for Fibreboard asbestos claims. Arbitrated approximately 120 cases from 1997 – 2000.

Arbitrator, Celotex Asbestos Settlement Trust.

Currently serve as arbitrator on nationwide panel for Celotex asbestos claims.

Served as Chief Arbitrator for consolidated toxic exposure claims in Pace, Florida for cases alleging injuries caused by chemical exposure from Air Products, Inc. plant in 2005.

Arbitrator/Referee, Dalkon Shield Claimants Trust

Mediator, Piper Aircraft Corporation Irrevocable Trust

Special Appointment by Florida Insurance Commissioner to mediate and resolve hurricane damage claims in Northwest Florida after Hurricane Erin and Hurricane Opal in 1995

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

The Florida Bar

- Trial Lawyer's Section Executive Council 1992-1995

Fellow, Southern Trial Lawyers Association

Association of Trial Lawyers of America

Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers

- § Board of Directors, 1997 – 98
- § Chairman, Environmental Law Section, 1997 – 1998
- § Insurance Task Force, 2001 - present

Escambia-Santa Rosa Bar Association

Florida Academy of Professional Mediators

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

2003 – present McDonald, Fleming, Moorhead, Green, Smith, Blankenship, Heath & de Kozan, LLP

Litigation practice concentrating in the areas of personal injury and wrongful death, insurance litigation, insurance bad faith, business litigation, construction litigation, and real estate litigation.

1990 – 2003 Robert N. Heath, P.A.

President and sole shareholder of general civil trial practice including civil trials, personal injury protection, personal injury and wrongful death, commercial and business law, construction litigation, real estate closings and related litigation.

1987-90 Harrell, Wiltshire, Swearingen, Wilson & Harrell, P.A.

Partner and shareholder in primarily insurance defense practice. Represented insurance carriers in defense of personal injury and product liability claims in both trials and appeals.

1985-87

Matthews, Reed, Bell & Heath, P.A.

Partner and shareholder in primarily civil trial practice. Prosecuted and defended civil personal injury trials and commercial cases including both trials and appeals.

1984-85

Bell, Hahn & Schuster, P.A.

Associate attorney in primarily civil trial practice. Represented numerous insurance carriers in defense of personal injury and product liability cases and worker's compensation defense.

1981-83

Office of State Attorney, First Judicial Circuit of Florida

Served as Assistant State Attorney in both Misdemeanor and Felony Divisions. Conducted criminal trials and appeals on behalf of the State of Florida including presentation of cases to the Escambia County Grand Jury. Also represented the State of Florida in various civil matters pending in the First Judicial Circuit.

1979-80

Florida Senate Judiciary - Criminal Committee

Research Analyst for standing committee in the Florida Senate. Duties included research and constitutional analysis of bills introduced in the 1980 Florida legislative session relating to criminal law and presentation of reports to committee during session.