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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ATTORNEY, MEDIATOR AND ARBITRATOR

Papa & Roberts, PLLC (May 2006-Present). Founding member of law firm that provides mediation, legal & consulting services. Practice includes commercial and civil litigation; advising commercial and nonprofit clients on employment, compliance, transactional and commercial/civil litigation matters; and, mediation of complex civil disputes such as employment, contract, construction, personal injury and property disputes. Roberts is a professional speaker, professor and trainer of ethics, employment law, compliance, mediation and workplace conflict management. She trains business and organization leaders at area colleges, universities, corporations and industry groups and provides arbitration services on an array of civil claims. Roberts has mediated hundreds of civil cases both in the public and private sector and mediates as a Davidson County Special Master and for the American Arbitration Association, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, the Tennessee Human Rights Commission, the Nashville Metropolitan Human Relations Commission and the Better Business Bureau.

Belmont University, Jack C. Massey Graduate School of Business, Adjunct Professor (May 2008- Present). Professor and creator of Mediation and Conflict Management Course for MBA students and business leaders.

ROBERTS LAW FIRM (August 2005-April 2006). Sole proprietor of private mediation, law and consultation firm including civil and commercial litigation, corporate and transactional services for individuals, businesses & nonprofits.

TENNESSEE ATTORNEY GENERAL (2001-2005). *Assistant Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division.* Litigation of state and federal consumer protection, administrative and charitable solicitation/nonprofit cases.

RICHARDSON LAW FIRM (1999-2001). Civil litigation attorney at private, Clarksville, Tennessee firm specializing in creditor law, insurance subrogation and commercial/contract disputes. Managed administrative and collection staff.

EDUCATION

RULE 31 CIVIL MEDIATOR LISTING (1998) *Mediation & Conflict Resolution Services, Inc.*

JURIS DOCTOR (1998) *University of Mississippi School of Law.*

BACHELOR OF ARTS (1995) *University of Mississippi. Honors Graduate.*

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS & EXPERIENCE

- Member, National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals and Tennessee Academy of Mediators and Arbitrators (2010)
- Statewide Selected Program Recipient, the Tennessee Bar Association Leadership Law Program (2010)
- President, Tennessee Association of Professional Mediators (2009) (President- Elect 2008)
- Chair, Nashville Bar Association Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee (2009)
- Member, Tennessee Supreme Court Access to Justice ADR/Mediation Committee (2009)
- Adjunct Professor of Mediation, Belmont University MBA Program/Massey School of Business (since 2008)
- Commercial Arbitrator and Mediator, American Arbitration Association (since 2008)
- National Construction Arbitrator, Mediator & Neutral through Construction Dispute Resolution Services (2007)
- Designated Neutral for Better Business Bureau (since 2005) and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority
- Group Facilitation Trainer and Facilitator for Multi-Party Dialogue and Conflict Management (2007)
- ADR Panel Member and Mediator, United States District Court, Middle District of Tennessee (2007)
- Church/ Religious Organization Mediator and Trainer through Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (2007)
- Certified Workplace Conflict Management Trainer for Mediation Training International, Inc. (2006)
- Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31 Listed General Civil Mediator for State of Tennessee (2005)
- Tennessee Attorney General's Office Ethics Commission (2005)
- Licensed to Practice Law in both the State of Tennessee (1999) and Mississippi (1998)

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIPS

- Association for Conflict Resolution, Nat'l Commercial Section Committee (also Employment and Workplace Section)
- Tennessee, Nashville & Williamson Co. Bar Associations & Lawyers' Association for Women, Marion Griffin Chapter