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Education

McCallie School, Chattanooga, Tennessee (1969)

University of Virginia (B.A., With Honors, 1973)

University of South Carolina Law School (J.D., 1976).
(Member, Law Review, and Order of Wig and Robe, and
Chairman, USC Legal Forum)

Professional Background

Practice has included at various times transactional business matters, civil litigation, residential real estate transactions, estate planning, facilitating major charitable gifts, prosecution and defense of federal criminal cases, and service as a Mediator and Arbitrator in a wide variety of cases.

“Of Counsel” to Anderson Terpening, PLLC, Charlotte, NC, 2009-10.

Adjunct Professor, Charlotte School of Law (“Professional Responsibility” and “Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiations”) (2007-13). Frequent speaker at Continuing Legal Education Seminars.

U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Western District of NC (1993-2009). Served as Chief U.S. Magistrate Judge from 1993 through 2003.

Managed substantial civil and criminal docket. Conducted pretrial proceedings in civil cases assigned to District Judges and all proceedings (including jury trials in those which survive summary judgment and do not settle) upon consent of the parties. Also conducted a variety of pretrial proceedings in criminal cases, up to and through acceptance of guilty pleas pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11.

Chief Assistant U.S. Attorney, Charlotte, NC. Supervised federal criminal prosecution and civil litigation in the Western District of North Carolina (1987-93).

Received Special Achievement Award for Sustained Superior Performance of Duty from U.S. Department of Justice in 1989, 1990, and 1991. In addition to management responsibility, personally prosecuted defendants charged with wide variety of federal crimes, including mail and wire fraud, bank-related offenses, drug and firearm offenses, civil rights violations, tax crimes, bankruptcy fraud, child pornography, odometer fraud, and public corruption. Named 1989 Prosecutor of the Year by the Carolinas Chapter of the International Association of Credit Card Investigators.

Horn and Conrad, Charlotte, NC. General civil practice (1984-87).

Special Assistant, U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Washington, D.C. (1982-83).

Legal Counsel (to Development Office) and Instructor (in Constitutional Law and History), Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois (1979-82).

Associate, Grier, Parker, Poe, Thompson, Bernstein, Gage and Preston, currently known as Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP, Charlotte, NC. General civil practice (1976-79).

Selected Publications

LawyerLife: Finding a Life and a Higher Calling in the Practice of Law (American Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois, 2003).

Fourth Circuit Criminal Handbook (LexisNexis/Matthew Bender; revised annually since 1994); and Michie's Fourth Circuit Criminal Reporter (reporting Supreme Court and Fourth Circuit criminal decisions, also published by LexisNexis/Matthew Bender).

Horn's Federal Criminal Jury Instructions for the Fourth Circuit (Fourth Circuit Seminars & Publications, revised annually).

Law For Physicians: An Overview of Medical Legal Issues (American Medical Association, Chicago, Illinois, 1999) (co-author).

Personal and Professional Associations

Married in 1972 to the former Patricia Norine Murphy. Six children and seven grandchildren. Member, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

Former Chair of Mecklenburg County Bar's "Law & Society Committee," member of the Board of Directors of Legal Services of the Southern Piedmont, and Federal Court Liaison of the North Carolina Bar Association's Dispute Resolution Section. Past volunteer activities include service as Mentor for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Schools, as founder and President of the Mecklenburg Coalition For Youth Wrestling, as Judge of the Regional Finals in North Carolina's Mock Trial Program (for high school students), and as a youth coach in several sports.