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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ASSISTANT CLINICAL PROFESSOR 2021 to present
Directs Mediation Clinic and teaches ADR classes

ADVOCACY INSTRUCTOR 2017-2021
Worked with law school’s award winning moot court and mock trial program; Designed and instructed legal writing workshop for advocacy students; Taught practical skills classes in negotiation and mediation; Assisted with Mediation Clinic

MEDIATION PRACTICUM, UGA SCHOOL OF LAW 2010-2017
Coach for law students in mediation role play.

LEGAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

LAW OFFICE OF ROB MCNIFF LLC, Winterville, GA 2004-2017
Owner, Manager and Lawyer
General practitioner handling a variety of transactional and litigation matters.

RESOLVE MEDIATION SOLUTIONS LLC, Winterville, GA 2009-2017
Owner and Mediator
Registered neutral mediating out-of-court disputes and litigated matters in various trial courts in northeast Georgia. Mediated hundreds of cases in a variety of legal contexts, including commercial disputes and business matters, divorce and custody, tort, contract, probate, juvenile and criminal cases.

NORTHERN CIRCUIT PUBLIC DEFENDER, Royston, GA 2003-2004
Assistant Public Defender

LEGAL AID AND DEFENDER CLINIC, Athens, GA 2002-2003
Fellowship—Assistant Public Defender

OCONEE COUNTY (GEORGIA) MAGISTRATE COURT 2006-2017
Public Defender handling county ordinance cases and certain cases involving state law.

DIAKONIA CHRISTIAN LEGAL AID SOCIETY, Athens, GA 2005-2012
Attorney for pro bono legal aid clinic. Handled cases accepted by the clinic and supervised law student interns working at the clinic.

PRESENTATIONS

THE MEDIATION CENTER OF THE COASTAL EMPIRE, CONTINUING EDUCATION October 2022
Presenter (“The Psychology of Conflict” and “The Perils and Power of Apology”)

ASSOCIATION FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION, ANNUAL CONFERENCE September 2016
Presenter (“Behavioral Economics and the Psychology of Conflict”) at annual conference of professional organization for enhancing the practice and public understanding of conflict resolution.

GWINNETT COUNTY (GEORGIA) ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM April 2016
Presenter ("Behavioral Economics: An Introduction for Mediators") at continuing education training for mediators.

GENERAL CIVIL MEDIATION TRAINING, UGA FANNING INSTITUTE 2016, 2019
Coach and Instructor

10TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, ADVANCED MEDIATION TRAINING 2015
Presenter ("Behavioral Economics and the Psychology of Choice") at continuing education training for mediators.

WORKING IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST CONFERENCE, UGA SCHOOL OF LAW March 2012
Panelist, solo / general practitioners engaged in public interest work.

SCHOLARSHIP AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL ENDEAVORS

EDITED, LEGAL WRITING MANUAL, 2ND ED., JEAN MANGAN 2021
Served as editor for colleague's writing manual for 1L students

ADR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM, UGA SCHOOL OF LAW 2020-2021
Proposed new graduate programming initiative. Worked with team that designed and won approval of certificate program extending ADR education to working professionals.

CLASS MATERIALS AND EXERCISES 2017-present
Drafted various materials, exercises and simulations for use in negotiation and mediation instruction.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

GEORGIA COMMISSION ON DISPUTE RESOLUTION
Registered neutral 2004-present
Certified trainer 2017-present

BAR ADMISSIONS

ALL GEORGIA COURTS
U.S. DISTRICT COURTS FOR THE NORTHERN AND MIDDLE DISTRICTS OF GEORGIA

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
Parishioner, catechist

CITY OF WINTERVILLE, GEORGIA
City Councilperson 2008-2010

WESTERN CIRCUIT BAR ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors 2010

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Juris Doctor
Bachelor of Arts in History and Criminal Justice Studies

Spring 2002
Spring 1996