



CAREFULLY CRAFTED SOLUTIONS FOR COMPLEX DISPUTES

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EXPERIENCE

DELAWARE ADR, LLC | Professional Neutral | 2021-present

- Mediation, arbitration and neutral evaluation for complex legal, business, and personal disputes.
- Efficient, effective and durable resolution of seemingly irreconcilable competing interests.
- Carefully crafted solutions for a wide variety of matters, including complex commercial litigation, closely held corporations, fiduciary duties, bankruptcy adversary proceedings, trust and estates, wrongful death and serious personal injury, toxic tort, environmental, professional negligence, construction, civil rights, professional ethics.

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE | *Judge* | 2013-2021

- Presided as Judge over entire range of criminal and civil cases, including appeals from lower courts and administrative agencies, commercial litigation involving complex legal issues, and criminal matters involving serious felony allegations.
- Issued decisions on several issues of first impression, including cutting-edge decision on the reliability of Google WiFi Location data in a domestic violence murder case.
- Specially assigned to preside over sensitive matters, including to address claims of prosecutorial misconduct involving the unauthorized search of the prison cell of a detained individual days before start of his murder trial.
- Carefully crafted appropriate sentences for individuals with significant substance abuse problems and serious mental health issues, and advocated for assignment of necessary treatment services in prison and community.
- Effectively managed civil docket of approx. 400 pending cases for efficient and fair dispute resolution.
- Judicial representative for the State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision.
- Presiding Judge, Unified Mental Health Court.
- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) first-responder training.

DELAWARE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS | *Judge* | 2009-2013

- Presided as Judge in high-volume court of limited jurisdiction, making decisions promptly and efficiently while providing individual attention for fair resolution of each matter.
- Emphasized rehabilitative justice to redirect behavior and provide services to reduce recidivism.
- Led efforts to revise procedures for civil debt collection matters.
- Founding Member, Coalition on Women in Support of Health (WISH) to provide services and reduce recidivism for sex workers.
- Commissioner, Delaware Sentencing Accountability Commission (SENTAC).
- Presiding Judge, Drug Diversion Program, including partnering with Treatment Research Institute of the University of Pennsylvania (TRI) for research to develop empirical evidence for best practices.

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL | Delaware Supreme Court | 1997-2009

Chief Disciplinary Counsel (Dec. 2003-2009)

Acting Chief Disciplinary Counsel (Sept. 2003-Dec. 2003)

Disciplinary Counsel (1997-2003)

- Developed extensive expertise in legal ethics to set and enforce high standards for Delaware lawyers.
- Fairly exercised prosecutorial discretion in decisions of prosecution and dismissal, including thorough factual investigation of complex matters, effective presentation of evidence at contested hearings and extensive experience with Supreme Court oral argument.

- Instrumental in changing focus of ODC from prosecution to intervention and prevention of ethical misconduct and engineered creative disciplinary sanctions specifically tailored to misconduct at issue, such as prohibitions on solo practice to protect the public interest.

MORRIS, NICHOLS, ARSHT & TUNNELL LLP | Wilmington, Delaware | *Associate* | 1992-1997

- Extensive experience in all phases of complex commercial disputes and litigation, including significant courtroom, arbitration and mediation experience.

CONN KAVANAUGH ROSENTHAL PEISCH & FORD, LLP | Boston, Massachusetts | *Associate* | 1989-1991

- Complete case management responsibility, including negotiation of settlements and plea bargains; strategy decisions; and liability analysis; preparation of cases for trial; trial of several cases to jury verdict.

EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Juris Doctorate, June 1989

BOSTON COLLEGE, Bachelor of Arts in English and Philosophy, 1986, *summa cum laude*

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Scholar of the College

BAR ADMISSIONS

STATE BAR ADMISSIONS

Delaware | 1992
New York | 1990
Massachusetts | 1989

FEDERAL BAR ADMISSIONS

U.S. Supreme Court | 2007
U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit | 1994
U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware | 1993
U.S. Court of Appeals for the 1st Circuit | 1991
U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts | 1989

AWARDS

DSAMH Judicial Partnership Award: Supporting Recovery through Leadership | 2013

Women's Leadership Award, Delaware State Bar Association | 2010

Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs, American Bar Association | 2009

APPOINTMENTS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

RODNEY INN OF COURT | *Member, 2000-present* | *President, 2013-2015*

PERMANENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE DELAWARE RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT | *Member* | By appointment of the Delaware Supreme Court on April 30, 2019.

JUDICIAL ETHICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE | *Member* | By appointment of the Delaware Supreme Court on June 4, 2014 and September 25, 2019.

STATE COUNCIL FOR INTERSTATE ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION | *Judiciary's Representative* | By appointment of the Delaware Supreme Court on July 27, 2010.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL OF THE JUDICIARY | *Member* | By appointment of the Delaware Supreme Court on September 8, 2014.

DELAWARE COMMISSION ON CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION | *Member* | By appointment of the Delaware Supreme Court for two terms: September 26, 2012 through April 5, 2019. This appointment concluded upon expiration of second term.

PERMANENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE DELAWARE UNIFORM RULES OF EVIDENCE | *Member* | By appointment of the Delaware Supreme Court dated March 1, 2012 through May 2016.

DELAWARE SENTENCING ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION | *Member* | By appointment of the Delaware Supreme Court for a four-year term dated October 15, 2012, representing the Court of Common Pleas. Upon appointment to the Superior Court, this appointment concluded.

DSBA DIVERSITY COMMITTEE | *Member* | Focused on services needed by lawyers with disabilities.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ABA COMMISSION ON LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS | *Former Member* | 2007-2009

DELAWARE SUPREME COURT LAWYERS' FUND FOR CLIENT PROTECTION | *Associate Trustee* | 1995-1997

U.S.D.C. DISTRICT OF DELAWARE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT BLUE RIBBON PANEL | *Member* | 1993-1996