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*Licensing
& Civilian
Education:*

Licensed to Practice Law in Indiana, November 2001-Present

Member in Good Standing:

Indiana State Bar Association
National Organization of Veterans Advocates
Northern District of Indiana Bar
Southern District of Indiana Bar
Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Bar, Article 1 Court
Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
United States Court of Federal Claims
United States Army Court of Criminal Appeals

Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, Indiana

Doctor of Jurisprudence, May 2001

Sherman Minton Moot Court Participant

Drafted One of Fifteen Top Briefs

Articles Editor of the Federal Communications Law Journal

Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis

Undergraduate Study in Mechanical Engineering, 1993-1995

Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin

Bachelor of Arts, English, May 1991

Activities: Member Beta Theta Pi Fraternity

Member Lawrence University Rowing Club

*Civilian
Professional
Experience:*

Associate Bosley & Bratch, Marion, Indiana, January 2010-November 2017

Practicing federal administrative law before the Veterans Administration advocating on behalf of Veterans to obtain disability compensation, pension, education, healthcare, and housing benefits. Admitted to practice in the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims challenging Board of Veterans Appeals decisions, filing Petitions for Extraordinary Relief to compel Veterans Affairs action, counseling veterans on various strategies to maximize benefits including the complex interaction between veterans long term medical care and other benefits, and represent veterans in administrative hearings. Litigate discharge upgrade petitions and Military Pay Act petitions based on the Tucker Act. Successful cases include securing a retroactive benefits package for a veterans exceeding \$300,000.00.

Associate Rollo, Harter & Poling, LLP., Huntington, Indiana, June 2008-January 2010

General practitioner focusing in litigation including contract disputes and criminal defense.

Other strong areas of the firm's business include basic estate planning, real estate, family law, debtor and creditor law, business formation, trial and administrative hearing advocacy, and appeals.

Deputy Prosecutor, Huntington County, Indiana, December 2003-June 2007

Evaluated, prepared, and prosecuted all misdemeanor cases including crimes against property and persons and all non-support felonies from January 2004 thru December 2006.

Prosecuted all OWI misdemeanors and felonies and all non-support felonies. Represented Indiana in jury and bench trials, arraignments, probable cause, and suppression hearings.

Administrated the Huntington County Child Support Enforcement Office including managing the work of five child support enforcement case-workers. Received appointments as Special Prosecutor to represent the State of Indiana in surrounding counties.

Relinquished this position to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Treasurer of the Indiana Child Support Alliance, June 2006-June 2007

Deposited money into and disbursed money from the bank account maintained by the Alliance and presented financial reports to the Board of Directors. In charge of reacquiring non-profit status, maintaining corporate good standing and 501(c) exemption.

Elected Prosecutor of the Year, 2006, Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Associate at Kahn, Dees, Donovan & Kahn, LLP., August 2001-September 2003

Experience in litigating a half-million dollar construction case for contract breach.

Other experience includes briefing and litigating two property tax cases worth over one million dollars each in the Indiana Tax Court, guardianship, adoption, post-adoption visitation agreements, debt collection, condemnation and insurance defense, employment and asset purchase agreements and local ordinance code enforcement.

Military

Education &

Experience:

Chief of Administrative Law, Southeast Medical Area Readiness Support Group (SE-MARSG) August 2014-May 2017

Provide legal advice to the SE-MARSG Commander, Command Judge Advocate, Executive Officer and staff, 23 subordinate commanders and staff, and over 2,600 SEMARSG soldiers on administrative law, personnel law, and ethics. Manage SE-MARSG administrative law docket under supervision of the Command Judge Advocate for a brigade size element.

Individual Mobilized Augmentee, TJAG Tenured Position, Military

Personnel Law Attorney, Command Judge Advocate Office, Human Resources Command, July 2011-July 2014

Provide legal advice to HRC staff and directorates on military personnel law issues, including active and reserve, enlisted and officer administrative separation actions.

Reserve Component, Judge Advocate General Corp,

Trial Defense Attorney, 154th LSO, Team 21, June 2008-June

Advise, represent, and defend Soldiers in administrative hearings to separate Soldiers from the Army for various reasons including positive drug tests, lapses in security clearance, conduct unbecoming an officer, conviction by a civil court, and failure to satisfactorily perform duties.

United States Army, Deployed Title 10 Status, Deputy Command Judge Advocate

Area Support Group, Kuwait, June 2007-June 2008

Served as forward-deployed Deputy CJA to ASG-Ku, an Army element providing half a billion dollars in annual support to Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

United States Army, Active Component, Corp of Engineers

Company A, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion

82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Specialist, Team Leader, January 1996-March 1998

Led and motivated a six-man team during various training exercises involving explosives. Responsible for readiness and safety during midnight airborne training missions.

Special Training: Honor Graduate Sapper Leader Course, October 1997

Graduate Jungle Operations Training Center, 1997

Graduate Army Infantry School, Airborne Operations Course, 1996.

Noteworthy

Chairman, Rules and Regulation Committee, National Organization of Veterans

Membership:

Advocates (NOVA), September 2011-December 2015

Drafted comments and criticisms of rules proposed by the Department of Veterans Affairs and published in the Federal Register.

**Chairman, Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Indiana State Bar Association
October 2013-October 2015**

Manage and direct the committee on various efforts including continuing legal education seminars, organizing pro bono attorney participation at Indiana National Guard pre-deployment, direct the Committee's management of the Indiana Lawyers for Soldiers program, advocate and promote installation of Veterans' Courts throughout Indiana. Still serving as committee member.

**Volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocate, Floyd County, Indiana, CASA Program
January 2017-Present**

Act as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for children alleged and determined to be children in need of services.

References: Available Upon Request.

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Public

Speaking Experience