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EDUCATION

Juris Doctor

University of Arkansas School of Law, Fayetteville, Arkansas

2008

Bachelor of Business Administration

Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi,
Magna Cum Laude

2004

BAR MEMBERSHIP

Admitted to Mississippi State Bar, June 2009

Licensed to practice before United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi;
United States District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi; and all Mississippi state courts.

PRESENTATION

Mississippi Education and Training Institute

Thompson, S. (2009) Roberts Rules of Order. Presented at the Institute's Regional Conference, Jackson, Mississippi.

PUBLICATION

Mouse II: Public Policy Issues in Arkansas Insurance Law: Underwriting to Anticipate Risks: Credit Ratings, ARK. L. NOTES (2009) (Review of Disparate Impact, Federal/State Tension, and the Use of Credit Scores by Insurance Companies)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Judicial Extern

(January 2008 – May 2008)

United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas

- Researched the implications of the bifurcation of insurance and warranties from vehicles included in bankruptcy claims.
- Contributed articles to regional debtor/creditor periodical
- Assisted in settlement conferences, prepared continuing legal education materials, and provided general legal support to the Honorable Ben T. Barry.
- Interacted with chambers staff, court personnel, litigants and the public.

Law Clerk

(August 2006 – May 2008)

Legal Aid of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas

- Researched community development and redevelopment based housing programs.
- Worked with a faculty member on a Community Development Block Grant.
- Grant was successfully funded and the program was implemented Fall 2008

Senior Editor, Journal of Islamic Law and Culture**(August 2006 – May 2008)****University of Arkansas School of Law, Fayetteville, Arkansas**

- Provided research to the law and public policy of Islamic religion and culture, particularly as it intersects with Western law and society, including the legal and social communities of the United States.
- Edited manuscripts submitted from the legal community for publication in the semi-annually published journal, The Journal of Islamic Law & Culture.

EXPERIENCE**Attorney/Legal Contractor****(January 2011 - present)****Saundra M. Thompson, P.A., Jackson, Mississippi**

- Represent clients in civil and criminal litigation matters in both federal and state courts, in areas including, but not limited to, domestic matters, tax sale relief, and federal contract disputes.
- Prepare written motions, briefs, memoranda and opinions regarding various legal issues.
- Provide legal assistance on a contractual basis to various attorneys by attending court hearings, preparing written motions, briefs, and memoranda and responding to discovery in areas including, but not limited to, business law, medical malpractice, disability appeals, federal contract disputes, divorces and child support.

Supervising Attorney**(October 2009 – December 2010)****Young Williams, P.C., Ridgeland, Mississippi**

- Managed team of staff attorneys, legal administrators and legal assistants in representing governmental clients regarding paternity disputes.
- Obtained and enforced child support orders and collected support payments within state support agency and pursuant to other states' child support programs.

Law Clerk**(May 2006 – August 2007)****Wal-Mart Stores Incorporated, Bentonville, Arkansas**

- Coordinated the legal transfer of company assets into a real estate investment trust (REIT).
- Researched property titles in preparation of asset transfer.
- Presented statistical findings to company executives and mid-level management.

Real Estate Sales Agent**(August 1999 – May 2005)****Beacon Realty, LLC**

- Showed residential properties and demonstrated the features and benefits of available homes.
- Converted prospects to closed sales for clients located throughout Jackson, Mississippi.
- Prepared contracts and documentation.
- Advised first-time home-buying clients on general escrow and title procedures.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP**Legal Advisor****(March 2010 – March 2012)****Disability Rights Mississippi Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Advisory Council, Jackson, Mississippi**

- Advised Disability Rights of Mississippi staff on needs, issues and solutions relative to people with disabilities.
- Assisted governing authorities with the resolution of state disability issues.

HONORS AND AWARDS

W.B. Putnam American Inn of Court, Fayetteville, Arkansas

Board of Advocates, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas

Dean's List (2006) (2007), University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas