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### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

*Member*, Prescott, Jamieson, Nelson & Murphy, LLC, Saco, ME (1988-present).

- Trial lawyer with a concentration in divorce, parental rights and responsibilities, children's advocacy, and economic allocations.
- Extensive experience with complex civil litigation and alternative dispute resolution.
- Licensed attorney in Maine and Massachusetts, State and Federal Courts (1983-present).
- Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW), License #LM10173 (2005-present).
- Court-rostered Guardian *ad litem* (2009).
- Completed certificate program for Parenting Coordination (2009).

*Associate*, Smith & Elliott, P.A., Saco, ME (1983-1988).

*Adjunct Faculty*, Simmons College, Boston, MA (2011-present).

MSW Program, Social Policy and Services: 401A

*Instructor*, Paralegal Education, York County Community College, Wells, ME (2002-2006).

### **EDUCATION**

*MSW*, Boston College School of Social Work, Newton, MA (2002-2005).

*JD*, Vermont Law School, South Royalton, VT (1980-1983).

*BA cum laude*, Western New England College, Springfield, MA (1977-1980).

- Major: Psychology; Massachusetts Teacher's Certification (7-12 Social Studies).

LeMoyne College, Syracuse, NY (1976-1977, transferred).

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Fellow, International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (2010-present).

Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (1990 – present); Board of Editors, Journal of the AAML (2009-present).

Member, Fee Arbitration Commission, Maine Board of Overseers of the Bar (2007-present).

Member, Task Force on Electronic Court Record Access (2004-2005).

Member, Justice Action Group, Legal Service Providers of Maine (2002-2005).

- Adjunct Member, JAG's Leadership Development Group (2006 – 2007).

Board of Governors, Maine State Bar Association (1993 – 2005; President, 2004; President-Elect 2003; Second Vice-President, 2002; Third Vice-President, 2001; Treasurer, 2000).

Director, New England Bar Association (1994 – 2002; President, 2001-2002; Vice-President, 2000-2001).

Member, Tri-State Commission on Bar Admissions (1998 - 2000).

Maine State Bar Association, Family Law Section (Chair 1993-1994; Vice-Chair 1991-1993).

Member, Advisory Committee on the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure (1990-1999).

Member and Reporter, MSBA Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law (1997-1998).

Maine State Bar Association (1983 - present).

Massachusetts Bar Association (1983 - present).

York Bar Association (1987-present; Executive Committee 1990 - 1994; President 1993 - 1994).

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*Maine Family Law Forms: Discovery, Trial and Settlement* (Michie-Butterworth 1993 & Supplements 1994-1997; Lexis/Nexus Law Publishing 3d ed. 2001).

*The Hydra Hypothesis: Litigating The Minefield of Allegations of Abuse, Chronic Interference and The Rights of Children* (Peter Randall Press 1997).

### Articles

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*Chronic Conflict Parents and Group Therapy as a Means of Intervention: A Preliminary Proposal*, 28(1) *Social Work with Groups* 81 (2005).

*Child Protection: Kinship and Family Group Conferencing*, 19 Me.Bar J. 140 (2004).

*Biological Altruism, Splitting Siblings, and the Judicial Process: A Child's Right to Constitutional Protection in Family Dislocation*, 71 UMKC L.Rev. 623 (2003).

*Interim Attorneys' Fees and Expert "Costs": Ask And Your Client May Receive*, 18 Me. Bar J. 40 (2003).

*The Guardian Ad Litem in Custody and Conflict Cases: Investigator, Champion and Referee?*, 22 U. Ark. Little Rock L. Rev. 529 (2000).

*Parental Conflict and The Appointment of Referees In Child Custody Cases*, 15 Me. Bar J. 44 (2000).

*Machiavelli and A Unified Theory of Parental Responsibility: A Proposed Statute*, 12 St. Thomas L.Rev. 95 (1999).

*Guardians ad litem: Defenses to Tort Claims*, 15 Fairshare 11 (1995).

*Responsibility for Children: Equitable Distribution, Alimony and Chaos*, 1 Me. Bar J. 22 (1995).

*Welfare Reform Must Be Linked to Responsibility*, Portland Press Herald (Op-Ed) (June 17, 1994).

*The Children Must Come First*, Portland Press Herald (Op-Ed) (July 9, 1993).

*The Liability of Lawyers as Guardians ad Litem: The Best Defense is a Good Offense*, 11 J. Am.Acad. Matr. L. 65 (1993).

*Family Law, Financial Forms and Floundering Federalism*, 8 Me. Bar J. 156 (1993).

*Post-Judgment Modification in Divorce: From Best Interests to Repose*, 6 Me. Bar J. 12 (1991).

*The Constitutionality of Maine's Protection From Abuse Act (And Other Matters)*, 4 Me. Bar J. 264 (1989).

*Workers Compensation, Substance Abuse and Safety in the Working Place: A Proposal*, 2 Me. Bar J.100 (1987).

*Educational Support for Children of Divorce Beyond the Age of Majority: A Need For Reform*, 3 Me. Trial Pract. 54 (1987).

*Economic Fairness and Divorce: A Professional Degree as Marital Property in Maine*, 2 Me. Trial Pract. 58 (1986)

Co-Author, *Toward a Model Parent Liability Act*, 20 Cal. W. L. Rev. 187 (1983) reprinted in *School Safety Legal Anthology* (1985).

## SELECTED PAPERS AND CONFERENCES

*Judicial Settlement Conferences*, District Court Bench Bar Conference, MSBA, Augusta, ME (2010).

*A Critical Perspective: How Mental Health Providers View Lawyers and the Courts*, MSBA, Saco, ME (2010).

*Drafting Tighter Agreements and Judgments in Family Law*, MSBA, Freeport, ME (2010).

*So You Want To Be a Guardian Ad Litem: Ethical Conundrums for the Social Worker*, NASW-Maine Chapter, Rockport, ME (2010).

*The Ethical and Legal Issues You Didn't Learn in Social Work School: A Minor's Right to Autonomy, Confidentiality, Informed Consent and Privilege*, National Association of Social Work – Maine Chapter, Portland, ME (2009).

*The New Family Law Rules: Best Practices and Common Problems Encountered from Pre-Trial, Trial and Post Judgment Phases*, Panelist, York County Bar Association, Wells, ME (2009).

*Highly Challenging Clients: Axis II – What Do You Do?*, Panelist, Kids First Annual Conference, Freeport, ME (2008).

*Parental Rights and Responsibilities and the Ethics of Confidentiality*, National Association of Social Workers: Maine Chapter (2008).

*Hot Tips for Family Law Lawyers*, Family Law Institute, MSBA (2006).

*Who Made You Boss? Thoughts About the Third Branch in a Democracy*, New England Bar Association, Boston, MA (2005).

*The "Civil Practice" of Law*, Bridging the Gap, MSBA (2004).

*Constitutional Law: An Up-date*, New England Bar Association, Norwich, CT (2004).

*Family Law and District Court Practices*, MSBA (2003).

*Multi-Jurisdictional Bar Admissions*, New England Bar Association, Providence, RI (2003).

*Underreporting of Income and Support*, York Bar Association, MSBA (2003).

*Trial Practice and Family Law*, MSBA (2002).

*The Role of the Guardian ad Litem in Conflict and Custody Cases*, The Ben J. Altheimer Symposium, University of Arkansas School of Law at Little Rock (1999).

*New Developments in Family Law*, MSBA (1997).

*The Impact of Federal Law on Domestic Relations Practice: A New England Perspective*, Massachusetts Chapter of American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Boston, MA (1995).

*Family Law: The Economics of Divorce: A Guide to the Financial Issues Facing Your Family Law Practice*, MSBA (1995).

*The Pro Bono Lawyer: Child Support - Interstate, Military and Tribal Issues*, MSBA (1994).  
*Family Law: Advocacy - Pleadings, Practice and Discovery*, MSBA (1993).  
*Child Support Guidelines Workshop*, MSBA (1993).  
*Grandparents and Extended Family Custody, Parenting Alternatives*, MSBA (1993).  
*Children and Divorce*, American Academy of Adolescent Psychiatrists, Washington, DC (1992).  
*Families and Tort Actions in the 1990's*, Maine Trial Lawyers Association (1992).  
*Updated Rule 80 Explanation at Managing a Family Law Practice*, MSBA (1992).  
*Emerging Issues in Domestic Practice*, MSBA (1991).  
*Criminal Violation of Maine's Protection from Abuse Act*, MSBA (1990).  
*Economic Issues in Divorce*, MSBA (1990).

#### **SELECTED APPELLATE EXPERIENCE**

*Dewhurst v. Dewhurst*, 5 A.3d 23, 2010 ME 99.  
*Lund v. Lund*, 927 A.2d 1185, 2007 ME 98.  
*Morin v. Lundrigan*, 916 A.2d 202, 2007 ME 37.  
*Lawrence v. Webber*, 894 A.2d 480, 2006 ME 36.  
*Raisen v. Raisen*, 896 A.2d 268, 2006 ME 49.  
*Lewis v. Lewis*, 817 A.2d 867, 2003 ME 26.  
*Lyon v. Lyon*, 728 A.2d 923 (Me. 1998).  
*Harriman v. Harriman*, 710 A.2d 923 (Me. 1998).  
*Miller v. Miller*, 677 A.2d 64 (Me. 1997).  
*Sargent v. Sargent*, 691 A.2d 184 (Me. 1997).  
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*Mariello v. Giguere*, 667 A.2d 588 (Me. 1995).  
*Lewellyn v. Bell*, 635 A.2d 945 (Me. 1993).  
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*Jones v. Jones*, 611 A.2d 575 (Me. 1992).  
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*Anuszewski v. Jurevic*, 566 A.2d 742 (Me. 1989).  
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