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### **EDUCATION**

- Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, NC 1991  
J.D., *cum laude*  
Executive Editor of Wake Forest Law Review; Carswell Scholar;  
Moot Court Board and Member of Jessup International Law Team
- Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC 1981  
B.A., History with honors, *cum laude*  
Chair of College Union Film Committee; Carswell Scholar;  
Associate Copy Editor of *Old Gold & Black* weekly newspaper;  
Lived for one semester in Casa Artom and two semesters in Graylyn.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- Director of Appellate Advocacy Clinic, 2006-present  
Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, NC  
Built clinic in which 3L students handle appeals in various federal  
and state appellate courts. Have supervised 58 student oral arguments.  
Have represented numerous indigent and amicus clients. Teach weekly seminar.  
Lead student trips to U.S. Supreme Court and N.C. Supreme Court.
- Associate Professor of Legal Writing, 2003-present  
Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, NC  
Have taught Appellate Advocacy; Business Drafting; Legal  
Analysis, Writing & Research I & II; Professional Responsibility;  
The Civil Law; Comparative Professional Responsibility;  
and Comparative Litigation & Advocacy (the latter two self-created  
for summer programs for American and Italian law students in Venice, Italy).
- Adjunct Professor, 1993-1997  
Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, NC  
Taught required second-year legal writing course on Appellate Advocacy.
- Teacher, 1982-1988  
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System, Winston-Salem, NC  
Taught English, Social Studies, and other subjects in grades 4 through 7.
- Camp Counselor, 1980-81, 1983  
Falling Creek Camp for Boys, Tuxedo, NC  
Taught whitewater canoeing and served as cabin counselor.

## ONGOING SERVICE ACTIVITIES

### North Carolina General Statutes Commission

- Chair (2019-22)
- Member (appointed by Dean as law school's representative since 2012)

### Moot Court faculty advisor

- Advise student leaders regarding two annual internal competitions and eight external competitions per year.
- Have coached numerous teams in four different competitions since 2007.
- National Moot Court Competition sponsored by the City Bar of New York: coached Championship team in 2017; National Semifinalist and Runner-up Best Brief in 2015; Regional Champion teams in 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016; Regional Runner-up teams in 2010, 2017, 2018, 2022, and 2024.
- Brigadier General Wayne E. Alley Military Law Moot Court Competition: coached Championship team in 2024; coached Runner-up team in 2023.

### North Carolina State Bar Board of Legal Specialization Appellate Practice Committee, Past Chair

- Chaired committee that designs test and evaluates applicants for specialization.
- Received Howard L. Gum Service Award from North Carolina State Bar in 2015.

### North Carolina Bar Association Appellate Rules Committee

- Member
- Subcommittee co-chair

### Chief Justice Joseph Branch Inn of Court

- Master and member of Board of Directors
- Chair programming subcommittee
- Faculty liaison

### Federal Bar Association, Middle District of North Carolina Chapter

- President, 2016-17
- One of ten founders of chapter

## LAW PRACTICE RECOGNITIONS

Selected as "Legal Elite" by *Business North Carolina* in the area of Appellate Practice in 2018, the first year the publication included that practice area, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025.

Amicus Service Award, International Municipal Lawyers Association, for service to the IMLA Legal Advocacy program, in 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Argued at the Supreme Court of the United States and was positively reviewed on SCOTUSBlog in April 2014.

Became certified as a specialist in Appellate Practice by the North Carolina State Bar Board of Legal Specialization in 2011, the first year State Bar specialization included that practice area.

## **LAW FIRM EXPERIENCE**

Anderson Korzen & Associates, P.C., Kernersville, NC 1999-2003  
Shareholder in three-lawyer litigation firm with concentrations in appellate practice, torts, and workers compensation.

Smith Helms Mulliss & Moore, LLP, Greensboro, NC 1992-1999  
Associate in then-second largest firm in the State.  
Selected for Appellate Practice Group headed by former North Carolina Chief Justice Jim Exum, the first law firm appellate group in the State.

## **JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS**

Law Clerk,  
Chief Judge Sam J. Ervin III, United States Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals 1991-1992

Summer Law Clerk,  
United States District Judge James B. McMillan, Jr., Western District of N.C. 1989

## **PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS**

*“Lincoln and the Law,”* Created seven-segment program on legal highlights from the life of Abraham Lincoln and co-presented with two law students, Winston-Salem, NC, Chief Justice Joseph Branch Inn of Court, February 2025.

*“Charlotte Talks,”* NPR radio. Panelist on program about ongoing litigation regarding election to North Carolina Supreme Court, Charlotte, NC, January 2025.

*“Pro Bono in Practice at Wake Forest,”* Co-presenter Chief Justice Joseph Branch Inn of Court, Winston-Salem, NC, September 2024.

*“Supreme Court Review for Local Governments,”* Co-presenter to more than 300 attorneys attending webinar sponsored by Local Government Legal Center, July 2024.

*“From Me To You: Writing To Gen Z,”* wrote and presented paper to more than 100 attorneys at North Carolina Bar Association Appellate Practice CLE, Cary, NC, March 2024.

*“The Role of Storytelling in Moot Court,”* Training Advocates Conference, Temple Law School, Philadelphia, PA, August 2023.

*“Strategies & Tools to Manage Nerves at Competitions,”* Training Advocates Conference, Temple Law School, Philadelphia, PA, August 2023.

*“Supreme Court Review for Local Governments,”* Co-presenter to more than 200 attorneys attending webinar sponsored by International Municipal Lawyers Association, National League of Cities, and National Association of Counties, July 2023.

*“Words Matter: Jury Instructions and Statutes,”* Co-Presenter Chief Justice Joseph Branch Inn of Court, Winston-Salem, NC, March 2023.

*“John Korzen: Board Certified Specialist in Appellate Practice,”* North Carolina State Bar Journal, Spring 2022.

*“The North Carolina General Statutes Commission,”* Faculty Development Talk, March 2021.

*“May It Please The Court, Wherever You Are,”* Planner and Moderator, Chief Justice Joseph Branch Inn of Court, Winston-Salem, March 2021.

*“Lessons Learned: My Worst Courtroom Experience,”* Planner and Moderator, Chief Justice Joseph Branch Inn of Court, Winston-Salem, NC, October 2020.

*“Preparing for WebEx Oral Arguments in NC Appellate Courts,”* Panelist in online program sponsored by Appellate Practice Section of North Carolina Bar Association, along with Judge Lucy Inman of the North Carolina Court of Appeals, Clerk of the North Carolina Supreme Court Amy Funderburk, and others, May 2020.

*“Ways You Can Use Hill & Vukadin,”* paper and presentation for Carolinas Colloquium conference for Legal Writing professors held at University of South Carolina Law School, Columbia, SC, May 2019.

*“Courting Comfort: Ways to Help Students Deal with Nerves Before Oral Argument,”* Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, The University of Akron School of Law, Akron, OH, November 2018.

*“Moot Court Revisited: Lessons for Appellate Practitioners from Moot Court Oral Arguments,”* North Carolina Bar Association Appellate Practice Section CLE, Cary, NC, September 2018.

*“The Witness and the Woodshed: How to Effectively and Ethically Prepare Witnesses,”* Panelist, Chief Justice Joseph Branch Inn of Court program, Winston-Salem, NC, September 2018.

*“Bridges,”* Phi Beta Kappa Induction Ceremony Keynote Speech, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, April 2018.

*“Ten Ways Law School Moot Court Oral Arguments Differ From Appellate Court Oral Arguments,”* Legal Writing Institute Second Biennial Moot Court Conference, John Marshall Law School, Chicago, IL, April 2017.

*“Amicus Briefs: Where Strategy, Legal Writing, and Creative Writing Intersect,”* Wake Forest University School of Law Faculty Development Lunch, Winston-Salem, NC, February 2017.

*“Writing a Persuasive Statement of Facts,”* North Carolina Bar Association Appellate Practice Section CLE, Cary, NC, September 2016.

*“A View from the Appellate Bench,”* Moderator, Chief Justice Joseph Branch Inn of Court, Winston-Salem, NC, September 2015.

*“Arguing at the Supreme Court of the United States,”* Co-Presenter with the Honorable Richard Dietz, Chief Justice Joseph Branch Inn of Court, Winston-Salem, NC, October 2014.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### *Book*

“Make Your Argument: Succeeding in Moot Court and Mock Trial” (Kaplan 2010)

### *Periodicals*

“A Supreme Experience,” in *The Middle Ground*, newsletter of the Federal Bar Association, Middle District of North Carolina Chapter (Spring 2014)

“Criminal Appeals to the Fourth Circuit,” in *The Middle Ground*, inaugural newsletter of the Federal Bar Association, Middle District of North Carolina Chapter (Spring 2011)

“Just the Facts: Ten Tips on Writing a Persuasive Statement of Facts,” in *Trial Briefs* (2004), a publication of the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, *reprinted in Journal* (2005), a publication of The Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers

*The Fourth Circuit: A Divided Court*, 6 FED. SENT. R. 274 (1994)

Comment, *Changing North Carolina’s Method of Judicial Selection*, 25 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 253 (1990)

### *Appellate briefs*

Briefs for parties and amici filed in the Supreme Court, Fourth Circuit, Seventh Circuit, Tenth Circuit, Eleventh Circuit, North Carolina Supreme Court, and North Carolina Court of Appeals

## **ADMITTED TO PRACTICE**

North Carolina (all state courts)

Supreme Court of the United States

United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Association for Justice

American Bar Association

Association of American Law Schools

Association of Legal Writing Directors

Chief Justice Joseph Branch Inn of Court

Federal Bar Association

Forsyth County Bar Association

North Carolina Advocates for Justice

North Carolina Bar Association

North Carolina State Bar