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EDUCATION

PhD, A.B.D., Institute of Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University, 2002

J.D., George Washington University National Law Center, 1978

B.A., Political Science with Honors, Rutgers University, 1975

CERTIFICATES

General Mediation, Northern Virginia Mediation Center,
Organizational Conflict Management, Northern Virginia Mediation Center,
Facilitation and Consensus Building, Northern Virginia Mediation Center, 97
International Conflict Resolution, T.R.A.N.S.F.O.R.M.,
Mediating EEO and Employment Disputes, Northern Virginia Mediation Center,
Mediating Multi-party and Complex Disputes, Northern Virginia Mediation Center,
Arbitrating Health and Insurance Disputes, National Arbitration Forum,

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Watkins Law and Dispute Resolution PLLC, Principal, August, 2007-Present
Serve as mediator, neutral case evaluator, arbitrator and trainer for Courts, private parties, federal agencies and local and national alternative dispute resolution panels. Conduct pretrial settlement conferences in civil cases on behalf of Courts. Mediate and arbitrate cases in civil litigation involving equal employment opportunity, workplace, contracts, commercial, policy, and international disputes; serve as settlement counsel and assist individuals and institutional clients in the resolution of civil disputes; provide consultation and advise governmental entities and agencies, non-profit organizations, educational institutions and corporations on matters involving alternative dispute resolution processes, policy, contract, employment, contracts, internal affairs and procedure. Represent corporations and private parties in complex civil litigation in state and federal courts.

Bynum and Jenkins, Of Counsel, 2004 - July, 2007

Represent individual, institutional and corporate clients in civil litigation before federal and state courts and administrative tribunals in matters involving employment, contract, commercial, insurance probate and real estate disputes. Design interventions in international, intra-state, community and organizational conflicts.

Allstate Insurance Company - Staff Counsel, 1997-2004

Provided legal counsel to corporate officials on issues of policy, law, contracts, procedure and corporate affairs. Represented parties in mediations, arbitrations and as lead trial counsel in civil actions in federal and state courts in matters involving insurance, personal injury, premises liability, products liability and contract disputes. Conducted training seminars for management and employees

Brown, Brown & Watkins - Partner, 1983-1997

Designed, negotiated and facilitated pre-litigation interventions and settlements in conflicts involving public policy, contracts, labor relations, discrimination and torts in business, organizational and community level conflicts. Provided legal counsel to corporations, individuals, non-profit organizations, government entities, businesses, and trade associations. Represented parties in arbitrations, mediations and in complex civil actions before federal and state courts and before administrative tribunals.

United States Department of Labor - Attorney Advisor, 1978-1983

Facilitated rule-making proceedings and meetings attended by government officials, representatives for unions and corporations and other interested parties concerning proposed regulations, policy, procedures and administrative rulings. Counseled and conducted training for government officials. Conducted complex litigation involving employment and labor law before federal courts and administrative tribunals.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Howard University School of Law, 2004- present; Adjunct Professor: Alternative Dispute Resolution, Pre-trial Litigation Practice

George Mason University, Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, 2004- present Adjunct Professor: Introduction to Conflict Analysis and Resolution; Community, Group and Organizational Conflict Analysis and Resolution;

Northern Virginia Community College, 1980-1983, Adjunct Professor: Labor Relations Law and Policy.

Lecturer and Moderator, 1978-2004: Present and moderate seminars, workshops and symposiums on various legal and ADR topics at national, statewide and local level.

PROFESSIONAL

National Arbitration Forum, 2006 - present

AFFILIATIONS

Northern Virginia Mediation Service, 2006 - present

Virginia Mediation Network, 2000- present

The Virginia Alternative Dispute Resolution Joint Committee, 2006 - present

American Bar Association, Alternative Dispute Resolution and International Law Sections, 2002-present

Black Women United for Action, General Counsel, 2004- present

Advisory Board, Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, 1999 - 2002

United Nations Association, National Capital Area
Professionals for International Cooperation, Cultures of Peace Task Force, 2003- 2004

Africa Working Group, Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, 2001-present (Co-chair), 2001-2002

Virginia State Bar Council, Member-at-Large, 1995-2002

Virginia State Bar Task Force on Alternative Conflict Resolution, 2002-present

Association for Conflict Resolution, 1999-2006

National Bar Association, 1980- 2004
(Board of Governors, 1994-1996)

Old Dominion Bar Association, 1981-2004
(President, 1993-1995)

Boyd-Graves Conference, Delegate, 1993-1995

Northern Virginia Black Attorneys Association, 1982-2006

Board of Trustees, Unity Center, 1991-1994

Board of Advisors, Friends of Women Prisoners, 1983-1987

State of Virginia Bar, District of Columbia Bar

Certified Mediator, Virginia Supreme Court

D.C. Superior Court Probate Panel

BAR MEMBERSHIPS CERTIFICATIONS

HONORS AND AWARDS

Commonwealth Scholar, George Mason University, 1999-2003

Legal Aid Society Award for Pro Bono Service, 1995

Dean's Special Committee on Student Life, George Washington University Law School, 1975-1978

Woman of Distinction Award, Optimist Club, 1996

Valedictorian, Rutgers University, Class of 1975

National Political Science Honor Society, 1975

**Irene Ryan Award for Outstanding Performance,
Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, 1974**