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Education

The University of Texas School of Law
J.D. May 1992 (with honors)

Honors: *Texas Law Review*
Order of the Coif
Chancellors

Auburn University
B.S. June 1987 (with honors)

Honors: Phi Kappa Phi
Beta Gamma Sigma

Professional Experience

Arnold, Placek & Foerster, P.C., Shareholder, 2003 - Present, Round Rock, Texas. Founding Partner of litigation boutique firm with statewide practice specializing in commercial and insurance related litigation, including premium fraud, workers' compensation, bad faith, coverage, construction law and administrative law. Representative clients include insurance carriers, third party administrators, general and subcontractors, local businesses, and governmental entities including school districts, cities, appraisal districts and municipal utility districts. Experience includes multiple first chair jury trials, appellate argument in the Texas Supreme Court and U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and extensive motion practice.

Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, Kever & McDaniel, L.L.P., Partner, 2001 - 2003. Austin, Texas. Litigation partner in forty-five lawyer full service firm, practicing general commercial litigation across the state of Texas, with emphasis on premium fraud and other insurance related litigation.

Skelton, Woody, Arnold & Placek, Principal, 1999 - 2001. Austin, Texas. Named principal in ten lawyer litigation firm, practicing general commercial litigation across the state of Texas, with emphasis on premium fraud, workers' compensation and other insurance related litigation. Oversaw attorney and paralegal staff while managing complex litigation and client relations.

University of the Ozarks. Lecturer in Business Law and Political Science, 1996 - 1999. Clarksville, Arkansas. Instructor in the Division of Business, Government and Communication. Courses include Business Law I, Business Law II, Constitutional Law and American National Government. Dual Appointment with Athletic Department.

Law Offices of R. Scott Placek. Solo Practitioner, 1996 - 1999. Clarksville, Arkansas. General civil practice specializing in commercial litigation and trial practice.

Vinson & Elkins, LLP. Associate, 1992-1996. Austin, Texas.
Associate in commercial litigation with broad based practice. Areas of experience include prosecution of commercial insurance premium fraud suits, defense of tortious interference and civil conspiracy claims, defense of reverse discrimination claims, defense of insurance bad faith and DTPA suits, and prosecution of corporate receivership cases. Experience includes jury trials, bench trials, motion practice, administrative practice and appellate proceedings.

Federated Mutual Insurance Co. Claims Adjustor, 1988-1989. Atlanta, Georgia. Responsible for investigation, negotiation and settlement of property damage and bodily injury cases in two state area. Experience included fraud investigations and alternative dispute resolution.

Bar Admissions

Texas (1992)
Arkansas (1997)
United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
United States District Court for the Western District of Texas
United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas
United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

Honors and Recognitions

Martindale-Hubbell AV Rating (2005-2022)
Texas Super Lawyers - Insurance Coverage (2012, 2019-2021)

Community Activities

President, Capitol Area Youth Soccer Association (2014 - 2020)
Board of Directors, Round Rock Soccer Association (2007 - 2012)
Diocesan Council, Orthodox Church in America (2009 - 2011)
Board of Directors, Round Rock Chamber of Commerce (2004 - 2005)
Member, Charter Review Commission, City of Round Rock (2003)
Leadership Round Rock (2002-2003)

CLE and Industry Papers and Presentations

Considering Extrinsic Evidence in EL Cases after Monroe (2022)
Section 1983 Coverage Issues and Recent Texas Developments (2022)
Investigating Intoxication: Early Approaches and Diligence (2021)
Is He or Isn't He? Investigating Employment Status (2021)
Common Coverage Issues for Employers' Liability Adjusters (2020, 2022)
Coverage Considerations for Intergovernmental Risk Pools (2020)
It's in the Blood: Intoxication and Newly Discovered Evidence (2019)
Auditing Under the Act: Contract Labor and the Texas Labor Code (2017)
Handling *Stowers* Demands in Defense of Employers' Liability Lawsuits (2017)
21st Century Premium Fraud (2016)
Pre-Trial Motion Practice: Tips and Traps (2015)
Everyday Ethics (2011)
Take the Target Off Your Back: Twelve Tips for Texas Comp Adjusters (2010)
Auditing Contract Labor (2008, 2010)
Bad Faith Update (2009)
Premium Fraud Update - Cases and Theories (2009)

Other States Coverage (2008)

Recent Developments in Bad Faith Litigation (2006)

Tucker v. Texas Mutual Insurance Co. - Lessons Learned & Trial Tactics (2005)

Legal Approaches to Non-Productive Audits (2004)

- Also Presented in 2005 to the IAASW Regional Education Conference

Auditing the Alternative Staffing Risk (2003)

- Also Presented in 2005 to the Rocky Mountain Auditors Association

Premium Fraud and Premium Avoidance: Red Flags and Red Herrings

- Presented three times in 2002, 2011

- Presented August 2005 to Cincinnati Insurance Co.

The Undisclosed Class Code

- Presented twice in 2002