

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Born on February 19, 1955 in Durham, North Carolina and later moved to nearby Cary and attended Cary High School. Married to Timothy J. Byrd, a lieutenant with the Iredell County Sheriff's Office, and have two sons and stepsons, and a daughter. Presently reside on a farm in Alexander County, North Carolina.

EDUCATION

Duke University, A.B., 1977, *Summa Cum Laude*
Phi Beta Kappa

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law, Juris Doctor with Honors, 1981

Graduated in top ten percent of class

Inducted into the Order of the Coif, 1981

Served on editorial staff of the *North Carolina Law Review*; two articles published in 1981

WORK HISTORY

Practicing Attorney, Lewis & Daggett, Attorneys at Law, P.A., Statesville, NC

Opened the Statesville office of Lewis & Daggett in January 2009. The firm represents individuals in personal injury, workers' compensation, and social security disability matters.

Superior Court Judge, Sixth Division

January 28, 2000 – December 2008

Appointed by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., as a Superior Court Judge for the Sixth Division and elected in November 2000 to the same position. Served extensively throughout the Sixth Division (which includes Iredell, Alexander, Davie, Davidson, Rowan, Cabarrus, Stanly, Union, Anson, and Richmond counties).

District Court Judge, 22nd Judicial District

December 1986 – January 2000

Elected to the District Court bench in 1986. The 22nd Judicial District includes Iredell, Alexander, Davie, and Davidson Counties. Presently nine district court judges serve this district and rotate their service in the district courts of Statesville, Mooresville, Taylorsville, Mocksville, Lexington, and Thomasville.

Practicing Attorney, Harbinson and Harbinson, Taylorsville, NC

September 1981 – December 1986

Licensed to practice law in 1981 and immediately began work as a partner. In 1982, was admitted to appear before the US District Court, Western Division.

Social Security Disability Determination Specialist, NC Department of Human Resources, Raleigh, NC

August 1977 – August 1978

In 1977 after graduating from Duke University, worked for a year as a disability determination specialist and conducted initial claims' reviews and determined approval of disability benefits. Used extensive medical and legal knowledge and excellent communication skills for explanations which led to determinations of approvals and any benefits.

Computer Analyst, Employment Security Commission, Raleigh, NC

1975 – 1977

EXTRAJUDICIAL SERVICES

North Carolina Rural Courts Commission, 2006 – Reappointed until 2011

In 2006, was appointed to the commission by Chief Justice Lake and later reappointed by Chief Justice Parker the following year. Since its inception, have served as Chair of the Commission. This commission is charged with identifying needs of rural counties which include court security, alternate dispute resolution, court interpreter needs and ensuring ADA compliance for facilities.

North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission, 2002 – 2008

In 2002 was appointed to the commission by Chief Justice Lake. This commission meets quarterly to perform statutory duties including regulation of mediation and mediators throughout North Carolina. In 1998 was certified as a Superior Court mediator and in 2009 as a Family Financial mediator. Have mediated disputes in superior and district courts in many counties in North Carolina.

North Carolina Bar Association, Administration of Justice Committee, 2000 – Present

Chair of the Court Security subcommittee and also served on the Judicial Performance Evaluation Committee. In spring of 2009, was appointed to the N. C. Bar Association Foundation Committee by President John Wester. This committee engages in fundraising activities for the bar association.

North Carolina Bar Association - Vice President, 1999

Appointed as vice-president of the North Carolina Bar Association at the annual meeting in June 1999. Have been a patron member of the Bar Association for many years.

North Carolina Bar Association, Family Law Council, 1997

Elected by association members to the governing council of the family law section.

Community Corrections Targeting Task Force, 1996 – 2000

The Task Force was appointed in 1994 in conjunction with the Structured Sentencing Act to develop recommendations to judges in sentencing for community-level alternatives.

Board of Directors, Alexander County Community Corrections, 1995

Appointed to the community corrections committee by the Alexander County Board of Commissioners. This committee developed a day-reporting center for Alexander County. The board continues to supervise and advise the director of the program.

President of the 22nd Judicial District Bar Association in 1995.

Administrative Office of the Courts, Full Forms Committee, 1994 – 2006

Served on the forms committee which develops and modifies all AOC forms as required by new legislation. Appointed by Chief Justice Burley Mitchell as Chair of the juvenile section of the forms committee.

Family Law Rules Committee, 22nd Judicial District, 1994 – 2000

Served as chair of this committee which is composed of judges and family lawyers in the 22nd Judicial District. This committee develops new local rules for civil, juvenile, and domestic cases and for alternate dispute resolution.

North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys, 1983 – Present

Member of the Judicial Section and was Chair of the section for 2 years. Elected “Judge of the Year” by the membership in 2008.

North Carolina Judicial Conference, Program Committee

Was appointed to this committee when the conference was developed by Chief Justice Exum and assisted in planning conferences over a three year period.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Wilkes Community College, 2008

Autism Recognition and Response instruction for the North Carolina Firefighters Association

North Carolina Police Executives Association, 2007

North Carolina Justice Academy, Salemburg, 2007

Class for DCI operators

Governor's Crime Commission, Sunset Beach, NC, 2006

Class for SBI

North Carolina Conference of Superior Court Judges, 2000 – Present

Member and instructor of such issues as sentencing in criminal cases and evidence.

Autism Society of America Annual Conferences, 1996 – Present

Annual presentations for issues relating to the criminal justice system and community safety.

Instructor, Mitchell Community College, 1994 – Present

A certified instructor of courtroom testimony and criminal law, taught law enforcement officers for several years.

North Carolina Association of District Court Judges, 1993 – 1999

Chair of the education committee. This committee assisted in the planning of all district court judges' conferences. Focus upon juvenile law education for new judges. Additionally, taught evidence and was a team leader for a class on sentencing issues.

Law Enforcement Training

Criminal Law Classes, Courtroom and New Officers, including role playing.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Iredell County Humane Society, April 2008 – Present

Elected to the Board of the Humane Society at the annual meeting of Board members in April 2008.

Autism Society of America, 2008

Elected by national election as a member of the Board of the Autism Society of America in June 2008 to a two year term. Will represent the members of the eastern region of the Autism Society of America. Selected as Chair of the Government Relations Committee in July 2008.

North Carolina Joint Study Committee on Autism Spectrum Disorder and Public Safety, 2007 – Present

Appointed by Speaker of the House Joe Hackney in December 2007 to serve on this legislative study committee which works to identify and address safety issues affecting people with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Safe and Sound Task Force, Autism Society of America, 2007 – Present

Served on the task force since 2007 and was appointed chair of the task force in 2009. This task force is composed of membership from regions throughout the United States and is charged with training development for all first responders and court officials on Autism recognition and response. The task force plans full preconference training schedules for the annual conferences of the Autism Society of America.

Dove House, 2004

Helped to initiate this program to assist children who are victims of sexual abuse.

Rotary Club of Alexander County, 1998 – Present

Inducted to Rotary International. Lectured at Rotary Clubs throughout the judicial district on court related issues. In 2009 received the Paul Harris Fellow award for service to the Rotary. Presently serving on the administrative committee of the Taylorsville, North Carolina Rotary Club.

The John Motley Morehead Foundation, 1982 – Present

Served on selection committees for the Morehead Awards at county and regional levels since 1982. In 1996, was asked to serve a seven-year term on the Central Selection Committee in Chapel Hill.

James B. Hunt Young Citizen Award, 1994 – 2000

Served as a judge for the award process from the inception of the program.

North Carolina Autism Society, Board of Directors, 1994 – 1999

Elected to the governing board of the Autism Society. Re-elected to a two-year term on the board in a statewide vote of members. Served as chair of the Policy Committee of the Society for approximately two years. Youngest son was diagnosed with autism at age three. Lectures and counsels with parents and law enforcement agencies in North Carolina and other areas throughout the country.

RECOGNITION

Order of the Long Leaf Pine, January 2009

Key of the County awarded by the Alexander County Board of Commissioners, 2009

Paul Harris Fellow, September 2009

Judge of the Year, awarded by the N. C. Association of Women Attorneys, October 2008

President's Award – Autism Society of North Carolina, 2007

ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION MEMBERSHIPS AND EXPERIENCE

- 1999 Certified as a Superior Court mediator by Mediation Incorporated
2009 Certified as a Family Financial mediator by Mediation Incorporated
2001–2007 Served on the N. C. Dispute Resolution Commission for six years by appointment of
 the Chief Justice

MEMBERSHIPS

- North Carolina Bar Association
North Carolina State Bar
North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys

Since retirement from the Superior Court bench in December 2008, have mediated various cases (see attachment for a detailed list).