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- Place of Birth** Roanoke, Virginia
- College** Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia
- Law School** Campbell University, Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law, Buies Creek, N.C.
- Degrees** B.A., Foreign Affairs, Latin American concentration, University of Virginia
J.D., Campbell University, Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law
- Legal Experience**
 - 2003 – Present *Kalbaugh, Pfund & Messersmith, Roanoke, VA. Associate Attorney, concentrating in insurance defense.*
 - 2002-2003 *Law Offices of Tony Anderson, Roanoke, VA. Associate Attorney
Concentration in federal criminal defense.*
 - 2001-2002 *Robinson & Elliott, Charlotte, N.C. Associate Attorney
Concentrating in insurance defense.*
 - 2000-2001 *Hardison & Leone, Dunn, N.C. Law Clerk. Conducted legal research, drafted memorandums, and assisted attorneys with pre-trial discovery and trial preparation.*
 - Summer 2000 *Clawson & Staubes, Charleston, S.C. Summer Associate, concentrating in insurance defense. Researched, wrote memorandums, drafted legal pleadings and briefs, assisted at depositions and at trials.*
 - 1999 - 2000 *Research Assistant for Professor Charles Lewis, Campbell University. Reviewed and analyzed relevant case law and wrote summaries in assisting with updating North Carolina Security Interests written by Professor Lewis.*
 - Summer 1999 *Roanoke Commonwealth Attorney's Office, Roanoke, VA. Internship.*



Observed District and Circuit Court daily. Researched and provided memorandum.

▲ Bar Membership

North Carolina State Bar
Virginia State Bar
U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia
U.S. District Court Middle North Carolina
U.S. District Court Western North Carolina
Supreme Court of Virginia
Supreme Court of North Carolina

▲ Professional Affiliations

Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys
Roanoke Bar Association
Virginia Bar Association

▲ Honors & Designations

Super Lawyers, Rising Star 2011

▲ Community Involvement

Young Lawyers Committee, Roanoke Bar Association
Board member for non-profit Grandin Theatre, 2005 – 2006
Barrister's Book Buddies, 2006 - 2009
Junior League
Chair of Apple Ridge Farm Committee
Children's Discipleship Committee, St. John's Episcopal Church, 2012 - 2013
Sunday school teacher, St. John's Episcopal Church, 2002 – present

▲ Publications & Presentations

"Using a Jury Instruction as Both a Sword and a Shield and the Sudden Emergency Defense," *The Journal of Civil Litigation*, Vol. XXII, No. 3, Fall 2010.

"Celebrating Law Day with our Legislators," *Roanoke Bar Review*, June 2014.

"The Automobile Accident Case: Taking Your Case to Trial," *Virginia CLE*, Fall 2017.