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-  **Place of Birth** Roanoke, Virginia
-  **College** 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
Virginia Women Attorneys Association

Honors & Designations

Super Lawyers, Rising Star 2011
Super Lawyers, 2021, 2022, 2023

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

"The Ripple Effect of Hampton v. Meyer – A Recent Supreme Court of Virginia Decision Changing Misnomer Law," KPML AW, 2022.

"New Opinion Issued by Court of Appeals Clarifies Tolling Period Established by Supreme Court's COVID Emergency Orders," KPM LAW, 2022.

"New Laws Affect Insurance Industry," KPMLAW, 2021.

"Does the Collateral Source Rule Apply in Contract Cases?" KPM LAW, 2020.



“Another Victory for the Defense in a Recent Product Liability Action,” KPM LAW, 2018.

“Inadvertent Disclosure of the Claim File – When Is It a Waiver of Privilege?” KPM LAW, 2018.

“Recent Ruling Affecting Admissibility of Payments by Insurance Carrier to Medical Expert and Medical Expert Testimony,” KPM LAW, 2017.

“Service of Process Upon an Uninsured or Underinsured Motorist Carrier Pursuant to Virginia Code § 38.2-2206(F) ,” KPM LAW, 2017.

“Significant Holding for Construction Cases – Unlimited Statute of Limitations for State Agencies Which Applies to General Contractor Does Not Apply to Subcontractors,” KPM LAW, 2017.

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

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

“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.