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Place of Birth Marietta, Ohio

High School Marietta High School
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College Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio
Double Major in Psychology & History
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Law School University of Dayton School of Law, Dayton, Ohio
University of Dayton Law Review, Staff Writer 2003-2004
University of Dayton Law Review, Associate Editor 2004-2005

Degrees Bachelor of Arts, Marietta College, 2002 *Magna Cum Laude*
Juris Doctor, University of Dayton School of Law, 2005, *Cum Laude*

Legal Experience

2010 - Present *Partner, Kalbaugh Pfund & Messersmith, P.C.,* Richmond, Virginia

Independently defended thousands of workers' compensation and liability cases before the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission, Virginia's trial courts, Court of Appeals, and Supreme Court. Conducted both trial work and appeals at all levels of Virginia's courts. Assisted clients with coverage opinions, in-house presentations, safety meetings, and file reviews on litigated cases. Speaker on Virginia law with a focus on workers' compensation and legislative updates.

2005 - 2010 *Associate, Midkiff, Muncie & Ross, P.C.,* Richmond, Virginia

Defended personal injury and workers' compensation claims for businesses and insurance companies, conducted depositions, attended motion hearings and trials in Circuit Court, General District Court, and hearings on a weekly basis before the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission; prepared settlement evaluations, legal research, and briefs to the Full Commission, Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court of Virginia.

Bar Memberships

        Virginia State Bar
        U.S. District Court
        Eastern District of Virginia

Honors and Distinctions

        Virginia Super Lawyers Rising Star 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Professional Affiliations

        Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys
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