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### **Education**

- 1979, J.D. *cum laude*, University of Missouri – Columbia; Order of the Coif; Editor-in-Chief, Missouri Law Review (1978-79)
- 1972, B.A. Business Administration, Michigan State University; major emphasis Management and Finance
- 1968, Ruskin High School, Kansas City, Missouri

### **Professional Background**

- July 1, 1992 to present: The McLeod Law Firm, founding partner of firm with practice limited to civil trial practice and Alternative Dispute Resolution
- 1979 to June 30, 1992: Shook, Hardy & Bacon: Associate (1979 -1983), Litigation Partner (1983 – 1992) and Chair of the Tort & Insurance Litigation Section (1985 to 1992, except for 1987-88); Administrative Partner, 1987-88
- 1972 to 1976: United States Army Signal Corps, Platoon Leader and Commander of Army Signal Corps Units (Highest rank held: Captain)

### **Publications**

- 1) Winter, 2005: "Top Ten Reasons to Use Technology in Your Law Practice"; Missouri Trial Attorney Magazine (Reprinted in Nebraska Trial Lawyer, Spring 2005)
- 2) 1982 to 1988: Assistant Editor, Missouri Courts and CLE Bulletin, Tort Section (a publication of the Missouri Supreme Court and Missouri Bar Association)
- 3) Fall, 1988: "Practical and Procedural Aspects of Business Torts", Chapter in UMKC/KCMBBA publication, Business Torts (with Cynthia Clark Campbell)
- 4) Fall, 1987: "Causation Issues in Product Liability Cases", Chapter in UMKC/KCMBBA publication, Product Liability in Missouri (with Robert T. Adams)
- 5) Summer, 1978: Note, Constitutional Law - 43 Missouri Law Review 109

## Professional Organizations and Recognition

- 1) Listed, **The Best Lawyers in America** - Personal Injury - included in all editions 1997 to 2015.
- 2) Listed, **Best of the Bar**, Kansas City Business Journal, included annually 2003 to 2014.
- 3) Listed, Kansas and Missouri "**SuperLawyers**", included annually 2005 to 2014.
- 4) Elected Member, **Missouri Appellate Judicial Commission** (Jan. 1, 2004 to Dec. 31, 2009)
- 5) Reporter, **Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Approved Civil Jury Instructions** [MAI] (1991 to 2003)
- 6) Member, **American Board of Trial Advocates** (2002 - 2005)
- 7) Member, **American Academy of ADR Attorneys** (2000 - present)
- 8) Member, **National Association of Distinguished Neutrals** (2014 - present)
- 9) Member, **Missouri Bar Committee on Plain Language in the Law** (1993)
- 10) Trustee, **University of Missouri School of Law, Law Foundation** (1990 to 1992)
- 11) Past Member, **National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel (NARTC)**
- 12) Past Member, **American Association for Justice (AAJ)**
- 13) Member, **Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys** (past member of Board of Governors)
- 14) Past Member, **Kansas Trial Lawyers Association** (Board of Governors)
- 15) Member, **Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association**

## Seminars and Presentations Given

- 1) June, 2015: USDC - WDMo. and UMKC School of Law CLE, "Mediation Presentation," invited panelist.
- 2) October, 2014: First Group PLC, "Confessions of a Recovering Defense Lawyer: How Defense Counsel Can Benefit by Thinking and Acting More Like Plaintiff Counsel" (Arlington, TX).
- 3) June, 2014: KCMBA - UMKC School of Law CLE, "Federal Evidence - Demonstrative Evidence" (Kansas City, MO).
- 4) June, 2014: KCMBA - UMKC School of Law CLE, "Construction Litigation - The Role of the Mediator - Tips and Tricks" (Kansas City, MO).

- 5) February, 2014: KCMBA Young Lawyers Section and KCMBA – UMKC School of Law CLE, “Civil Jury Trial Demonstration – Opening Statement of Plaintiff (E. E. “Tom” Thompson Courtroom, UMKC School of Law, Kansas City, MO).
- 6) February, 2014: Ross T. Roberts Trial Academy: “Demonstrative Evidence, From DIY to Budget Busters” (United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, Kansas City, MO).
- 7) March, 2012: Missouri Judicial Conference: “Advanced Trial Skills: Issues in Electronic Evidence Working Agenda,” (Lake Ozark, MO)
- 8) February, 2012: Rockhurst University: “How Mediations Work,” presentation to Dispute Resolution Class (Kansas City, MO).
- 9) June, 2011: UMKC School of Law: “Not Your Daddy’s Mediation,” presentation to ADR Class (Kansas City, MO).
- 10) April, 2009: Chubb Insurance Group: “**Mock Mediation Presentation,**” (Kansas City, MO).
- 11) April, 2009: Ross T. Roberts Inn of Court: “**Advanced Deposition Techniques,**” (United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri).
- 12) February, 2009: American Association for Justice: “**Trucking Litigation: The Defense Lawyer’s Perspective,**” (Caesar’s Palace, Las Vegas, NV).
- 13) June, 2008: “**The Judicial Selection Process,**” Appellate Practice Committee of the KCMBA; (KCMBA Headquarters, Kansas City, MO).
- 14) April, 2008: Ross T. Roberts Inn of Court: “**Mediation and Settlement,**” (United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri).
- 15) September, 2007: Annual Meeting of the Missouri Bar: “**Advanced ADR Strategies for the Difficult Issues,**” (John Q. Hammonds Hotel, Springfield, MO)
- 16) September 2005: Annual Meeting of the Missouri Bar: “**Skills on Trial: Properly Prepared (MAI) Jury Instructions,**” (Westin Crown Center Hotel, Kansas City, MO).
- 17) June, 2003: Employment Law: What’s New? What’s Developing: “**New MAI Instructions in Employment Cases**”; (KCMBA Headquarters, Kansas City, MO).
- 18) June, 2003: **MAI for Trial Judges:** Missouri Trial Judges Skills course; (Holiday Inn Executive Center, Columbia, MO).
- 19) May, 2003: **Update on MAI:** KCMBA Bench-Bar Conference (Tan-Tar-A Resort, Lake Ozark, MO).

- 20) November, 2001: **“How to Better Organize Your Law Office,”** MATA-KCMBA; (KCMBA Headquarters, Kansas City, MO).
- 21) September, 2001: **“Medical Malpractice: Use of Focus Groups”**: University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law (Marriott Hotel - Kansas City, MO).
- 22) April, 2001: **Mediation from the Mediator’s Viewpoint**: Kansas City Claims Association, (Lenexa, Kansas).
- 23) January, 2001: **Using the Deposition for Impeachment**: Annual Taking, Defending and Using Depositions Seminar: sponsored by the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law (Marriott Hotel - Kansas City, MO)
- 24) April 2000: **The Irish Republican Army Approach to Demonstrative Evidence: “Blow It Up”** : MATA Trial Tips Seminar (Fairmont Hotel - Kansas City, MO)
- 25) April, 2000: **The Ethics of Complying With and Enforcing Compliance With Rule 26 Obligations** (with Honorable Ortrie Smith and Theresa Levings) : Ethical Pitfalls in Preparing a Case for Trial, sponsored by UMKC Continuing Legal Education (Marriott Hotel - Kansas City, MO)
- 26) October, 1999: **Review of the Missouri Approved Instructions**: Update on Missouri Trial Practice; sponsored by KCMBA (KCMBA Headquarters, Kansas City, MO)
- 27) July, 1999: **Technology in the Courtroom** (with Honorable Nanette Laughrey and Glenn Bradford) : 8th Circuit Judicial Conference (Hyatt Regency - Kansas City, MO)
- 28) May, 1999: **Ethical Issues in the Use of Technology**: Ethics This and Ethics That, sponsored by MU Law School (Marriott Hotel - Kansas City, MO)
- 29) June, 1998: **Winning Motions - A Game Plan**: Motion Practice in State and Federal Court (KCMBA Headquarters - Kansas City, MO)
- 30) June, 1998: **Rule 26 Problems and Pitfalls**: Federal Practice Seminar, sponsored by MU Law School (Marriott Hotel - Kansas City, MO)
- 31) May, 1998: **Technology on a Budget: “Gee Whiz” for Peanuts**: Show Me the Evidence, sponsored by MU Law School CLE (Marriott Hotel - Kansas City, MO)
- 32) April, 1997: **Punitive Damages and New Jury Instructions Under the “Clear and Convincing” Standard of *Rodriguez v. Suzuki Motor Corp.*** : Hot Topics in Personal Injury Litigation: sponsored by the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law (Marriott Allis Plaza Hotel - Kansas City, MO)
- 33) April, 1997: **Current Instruction Issues: Personal Injury Cases**: A Practical Approach: sponsored by the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Kansas City, MO)

- 34) November, 1996: **Using the Deposition for Impeachment - an Update and Review**: 1996 Annual Taking, Defending and Using Depositions Seminar: sponsored by the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law (Hyatt Regency Hotel - Kansas City, MO)
- 35) September, 1996: **"Ethical Issues in ADR"** : ADR Workshop: sponsored by the Federal Judicial Center (Ritz Carlton Hotel - Kansas City, MO)
- 36) June, 1996: **"Joint Defense Agreements"** : Occupational Claims Conference: sponsored by the Railroad Industry Ad Hoc Committee (University of Denver School of Law - Denver, CO)
- 37) April, 1996: **"Ethics Roundtable"** : **Ethics Roundtable: Real Problems in the Real World**: sponsored by the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (Hyatt Regency Hotel, Kansas City)
- 38) March, 1996: **"Demonstrative Evidence Technology: Large Screen Presentations"** : "Cutting Edge Technology in the Courtroom: sponsored by various firms (Westin Crown Center Hotel, Kansas City)
- 39) May, 1995: **"Opening Statements"** : 1995 Civil Trial Demonstration: sponsored by the University of Missouri - Kansas City (Marriott Allis Plaza Hotel, Kansas City, Mo)
- 40) February, 1995: **"Cross-examination of Expert Witnesses"** : Federal Litigation: Cross Examination Seminar: sponsored by the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (KCMBA Conference Center, Kansas City)
- 41) November, 1994: **"Federal Rules of Evidence: Selected Comparisons Between State and Federal Law"** : Federal Litigation: Privileges, Confidences and Secrets Versus the Right to Know: sponsored by the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (Hyatt Regency Hotel, Kansas City)
- 42) April, 1994: **"Winning Employment Law Cases: The Victim's Perspective"** : Training Seminar for Plaintiff and Defense Lawyers, Human Resources, and Supervisors sponsored by the University of Missouri - Kansas City (Marriott Allis Plaza Hotel, Kansas City, Mo)
- 43) April, 1994: **"Insurers and Insureds: Knowing Who is Your Client and What Duties are Owed"** : Defense Tactics Institute sponsored by the University of Missouri - Kansas City (Marriott Allis Plaza Hotel, Kansas City, Mo)
- 44) January, 1994: **"Federal Rules of Evidence: Selected Comparisons Between State and Federal Law"**: Federal Practice and Procedure Seminar sponsored by the University of Missouri - Columbia (Hyatt Regency Hotel, Kansas City, Mo)
- 45) March, 1993: **"Conflicts of Interest"** : Ethics Seminar sponsored by the Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys (Lantz Welch Educational Center, Kansas City)

- 46) October, 1992: **"Using the Deposition at Trial"** : Seminar on Taking and Defending Depositions, sponsored by the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (Lantz Welch Educational Center, Kansas City)
- 47) May, 1992: **"Recent Developments in MAI: Missouri Approved Jury Instructions (Civil)"** : First Tuesday Luncheon CLE Series, sponsored by the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (Lantz Welch Educational Center, Kansas City)
- 48) April, 1992: **"MAI Update"** : Annual Defense Law Symposium, sponsored by the Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers (Marriott Tan-Tar-A Lodge, Lake Ozark, Missouri)
- 49) December, 1991: **"MAI Update"** : Annual Defense Law Symposium, sponsored by the Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers (Hyatt Regency Crown Center, Kansas City)
- 50) October, 1991: **"Using the Deposition for Devastating Impeachment: Part II"** : Seminar on Taking and Defending Depositions, sponsored by the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (Lantz Welch Educational Center, Kansas City)
- 51) April, 1991: **"How to Use the Deposition for Devastating Impeachment"** : Seminar on Taking and Defending Depositions, sponsored by the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (Lantz Welch Educational Center, Kansas City)
- 52) November, 1990: **"Perspectives on Laboratory Safety"** : Multi-disciplinary panel discussion sponsored by the American Chemical Society (Avila College, Kansas City)
- 53) November, 1990: **"Not in MAI and Objections to Jury Instructions"**: Seminar on Avoiding Reversible Error and Keeping the Verdict on Appeal, sponsored by the Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys (Allis Plaza Hotel, Kansas City)
- 54) June, 1990: **"Preparing and Trying the Automobile Accident Case"**: Seminar sponsored by Professional Education Systems, Inc., Eau Claire, Wisconsin (Embassy on the Park Hotel, Kansas City; )
- 55) February, 1990: **"More Closing Arguments: Meeting the Tactics of Plaintiffs' Counsel"**: Regional Meeting of the National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel (The Breakers, West Palm Beach, Florida)
- 56) September and October, 1989: **"The Expert Witness as a Source of Proof"**: Seminar on Missouri Sources of Proof, sponsored by the Missouri Bar (Adam's Mark Hotel, Kansas City; Ramada Hawthorn, Springfield; and Ramada Inn, Columbia)
- 57) July, 1989: **"Closing Arguments: Meeting the Tactics of Plaintiffs' Counsel"**: Annual Meeting of the National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel (The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia)

- 58) April, 1989: **“Overview of the Law of Comparative Fault in Missouri”**: Seminar on Missouri Comparative Fault, sponsored by the University of Missouri - Kansas City and the KCMBA (Hyatt Regency Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri)
- 59) March, 1989: **“Tort Update: Dram Shop, Service Letter, Sovereign Immunity, and Prima Facie Tort”**: Seminar on Missouri Tort Practice Update, sponsored by the University of Missouri - Kansas City and the KCMBA (Alameda Plaza Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri)
- 60) September, 1988: **“Business Torts: Practical and Procedural Aspects: The Plaintiff's Viewpoint”**: Seminar on Business Tort Litigation, sponsored by the University of Missouri - Kansas City and the KCMBA (Westin Crown Center Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri)
- 61) April, 1988: **“Computer Generated Evidence”**: Seminar on Computers in Litigation, sponsored by the Kansas Bar Association (Marriott Hotel, Overland Park, Kansas)
- 62) December, 1987: **“The Essentials of Direct and Cross-Examination of Expert Witnesses”**: Seminar on Trial Examination of Expert Witnesses, sponsored by the University of Missouri (Kansas City) School of Law, Office of Continuing Legal Education (Kansas City, Missouri)
- 63) May, 1987: **“Symposium on Product Liability”**: Radio symposium on the Walt Bodine Show, sponsored by KCUR Radio, an affiliate of NPR and the University of Missouri (Kansas City)
- 64) May, 1987: **“Settlements Involving Minors and Incompetents Under Guardianship”**: Seminar on Preparing Accurate Settlement Documentation, sponsored by the University of Missouri (Columbia and Kansas City) Offices of Continuing Legal Education (Plaza Hilton Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri)
- 65) April, 1987: **“Cross Examination of Engineering Expert Witnesses”**: "Seminar on Forensic Engineering", Department of Civil Engineering, University of Missouri-Columbia (Jackson County Courthouse, Kansas City, Missouri)
- 66) January, 1987: **“Vision Studies and other Photographic Evidence”**: Presentation to Inns of Court of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (Kansas City, Missouri)
- 67) May, 1986: **“Demonstrative Evidence”**: 1986 Annual Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association "Bench-Bar Conference" (Marriott Tan-Tar-A Lodge, Lake Ozark, Missouri)
- 68) April, 1985: **“Appellate Developments in Missouri Comparative Fault Law”**: Symposium on Comparative Fault, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (Muehelbach Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri)