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EXPERIENCE:

Practice of law in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia from September 1984, with extensive experience in general litigation and international law, including international business and government contracts. Accomplishments include:

Extensive litigation experience with assistance and solo in federal district and appellate courts as well as state circuit and district courts in Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties, with trials conducted in Anne Arundel and Howard Counties, Maryland; extensive experience with assistance and solo in federal and state courts in the District of Columbia and Fairfax, Prince William, and Arlington Counties with trials conducted in Alexandria and Spotsylvania.

Lead counsel for NCR Corp., Network Computing Devices, Inc., Talley Printer Corp., and Cedar Cliff Systems, Inc. in multiple lawsuits to unravel a fraudulent transfer of encryption products to Saudi Arabian interests.

Managed collections docket from multiple forwarders and conducted foreclosure proceedings. Handled litigation issues from complex business transactions in litigation or arbitration to simple divorce and collection matters before the DRM and district courts.

Prepared and filed petitions for *certiorari* twice in the U.S. Supreme Court; briefed and argued in the D.C. Circuit and the Fourth Circuit, and had one of my arguments moved to Raleigh-Durham to be a “demonstration” for the Duke School of Law by the Fourth Circuit based on my skills as a litigator and the issues on appeal.

General counsel and chief negotiator for an American company that successfully created a domestic insurance industry in a post-communist African country.

Negotiated a secure enforceable insurance and reinsurance co-brokerage agreement in U.K. and U.S. worth hundreds of millions of dollars annually. Successfully defended agreement when attacked years later.

Developed currency protocol to enable international company to move currency through restrictions in Namibia, South Africa, and Angola.

Deterred national quasi-governmental company from using my client’s regulatory and corporate framework while eliminating its fees in secret meetings in Johannesburg.

Traced funds of African sovereign resisting collection of U.S. debt because the funds were central bank funds and proved the funds were proceeds of a commercial enterprise during federal litigation in Eastern District of New York.

Developed unique strategies for enforcing foreign sovereign contracts in U.S. Won jurisdictional disputes involving international contracts in the D.C. district and appellate courts resulting in the client being paid 100% of the disputed claim, plus interest not covered by the contract.

Negotiated development of consulting project with Angolan Minister of Finance to assist in the development of Angolan civic and legal culture.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Chair, Maryland State Bar Association, International Law Committee.

Elected to fellowship of Center for International Legal Studies, of Salzburg, Austria, for my monograph, "Securing Investments from Foreign Sovereigns—Protecting Foreign Assets Using U.S. Law." Taught seminar in Kitzbuehel. Article republished in Luxembourg, NY & Baltimore.

"Best MICPEL Program Presented," 2007-2008. Taught Maryland State Bar Association continuing legal education class, "International Commercial Transactions."

"Best Lawyers in Virginia," Virginia Business Magazine, 2000

"AV" Rated by Martindale–Hubbell, elected to Martindale Hubbell’s Register of Preeminent Lawyers.

EDUCATION:

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., May 1983, *cum laude*

Honors: American Jurisprudence Award of Excellence, Constitutional Law
Editor, Law and Policy in International Business law review
Dean’s List, three years

University of Pennsylvania, M.A., May 1977, American Political Science *magna cum laude*

University of Pennsylvania, B.A., May 1977, Political Science, *magna cum laude*, Special Distinction in Political Science (departmental honors), Elected to Pi Sigma Alpha, 1977.

BAR MEMBERSHIPS:

D.C. Bar, 1983

U.S.C.A., D.C. Cir., 1984

U.S.D.C., D.C., 1984

U.S.D.C. E.D.Va., 1992

Maryland Bar, 1985

U.S.D.C. Trial Bar, Maryland, 1985

U.S.C.A., Fed. Cir., 1984

U.S.C.A., 4th Cir., 1992

Virginia Bar, 1990

United States Supreme Court, 1990