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EDUCATION

BOSTON UNIVERSITY – COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

- BA Psychology (1983)

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

- JD (1986)

BAR ADMISSIONS

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF
WEST VIRGINIA**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
WEST VIRGINIA**

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE AND SPECIALTIES

- Family Law
- Access to Government Information, Freedom of Information
(State and Federal)
- Property Law
- Administrative Law
- Environmental law
- Appellate Practice
- Civil Litigation under the West Virginia Surface Coal Mining and
Reclamation Act and the federal Surface Mining Control and
Reclamation Act and Clean Water Act



- Civil Litigation under the Oil and Gas Production Damage Compensation Act

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Teaching Associate Professor – Director, West Virginia University College of Law Child and Family Advocacy Clinic (2011 to present)

Teaching Associate Professor (2018 to present); Visiting Associate Professor (2011 to 2018); Instructor of Law (2009 to 2011) – West Virginia University College of Law Legal Research and Writing Program

Adjunct Professor and Supervising Attorney – West Virginia University College of Law Clinical Law Program (2008-2010)

Private Law Practice, Morgantown, West Virginia (1995 to present)

Associate - DiTrapano & Jackson, Charleston, West Virginia (1994-1995)

Law Clerk – Justice Thomas E. McHugh – Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia (1990-1994)

Law Clerk – Justice Thomas B. Miller – Supreme Court of Appeals Of West Virginia (1989-1990)

Law Clerk – Commissioner Otis T. Casto - West Virginia Public Service Commission (1986-1989)

PUBLIC SERVICE

Member, Governor’s Independent Investigation Panel – Investigation of April 2010 Explosion of Performance Coal Company’s Upper Big Branch Mine in Raleigh County, West Virginia (2010 – 2011)

Investigator, Independent Investigation of Explosion of Sago Coal Mine, Upshur County, West Virginia (2006)

PUBLICATIONS

Suzanne Weise, *Defining the Role of Clinical Law Students, Medical-Legal Partnerships and Pro Bono Lawyers: Confronting the Opioid Epidemic in Family Court*, 13 Tenn. J. L. & Pol’y 377 (Summer 2018)

Co-Author, *Open Government Guide: West Virginia* (The Reporter's Committee on Freedom of the Press)(4th, 5th 6th & 7th eds. - 2002 - 2006 – 2011, 2018)

AWARDS

2012 Public Interest Award - West Virginia University Women's Law Caucus

Trial Lawyers for Public Justice Foundation: 2000 Public Justice Achievement Award for "Winning Exceptional Victories For The Public Interest"

REPORTED CASES

- *In re Nat'l Prescription Opiate Litig.*, 325 F.Supp.3d 833 (N.D. Ohio 2018)
- *Riffle v. Riffle*, 774 S.E.2d 511 (W. Va. 2015) (Amicus Curiae)
- *In Re Name Change Jenna A.J.*, 765 S.E.2d 160 (W. Va. 2014)
- *In Jenna A.J.*, 744 S.E.2d 269 (W. Va. 2013)
- *Martinka Coal Co. v. W. Va. Div. of Environ. Prot.*, 590 S.E.2d 660 (W. Va. 2003)
- *W. Va. Highlands Conservancy v. Norton*, 238 F.Supp.2d 761 (S.D. W. Va. 2003); *W. Va. Highlands Conservancy v. Norton*, 190 F.Supp.2d 859 (S.D. W. Va. 2002); *W. Va. Highlands Conservancy v. Norton*, 161 F.Supp.2d 676 (S.D. W. Va. 2001); *W. Va. Highlands Conservancy v. Norton*, 147 F.Supp.2d 474 (S.D. W. Va. 2001)
- *Bragg v. W. Va. Coal Ass'n*, 248 F.3d 275 (4th Cir. 2001); *Bragg v. Robertson*, 83 F.Supp.2d 713 (S.D. W. Va. 2000); *Bragg v. Robertson*, 190 F.R.D. 194 (S.D. W. Va. 1999); *Bragg v. Robertson*, 54 F.Supp.2d 653 (S.D. W. Va. 1999); *Bragg v. Robertson*, 183 F.R.D. 494 (S.D. W. Va. 1998); *Bragg v. Robertson*, No. Civ.A. 2:98-0636, 1998 WL 1781736 (S.D. W. Va. Oct. 9, 1998)
- *Holmes v. Bd. of Educ. of Berkeley Cty.*, 526 S.E.2d 310 (W. Va. 1999)
- *Daily Gazette Co. v. W. Va. Dev. Office*, 521 S.E.2d 543 (W. Va. 1999)
- *Adkins v. Capehart*, 504 S.E.2d 923 (W. Va. 1998)
- *Daily Gazette Co. v. W. Va. Dev. Office*, 482 S.E.2d 180 (W. Va. 1996)
- *Collard v. Smith Newspapers, Inc.*, 915 F.Supp. 805 (S.D. W. Va. 1996)
- *West Virginia v. Moore*, 902 F.Supp. 715 (S.D. W. Va. 1995)
- *State ex rel. Register-Herald v. Canterbury*, 449 S.E.2d 272 (W. Va. 1994)
- *State ex rel. Kincaid v. Parsons*, 447 S.E.2d 543 (W. Va. 1994)