



CAREFULLY CRAFTED SOLUTIONS FOR COMPLEX DISPUTES

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AWARDS

Delaware State Bar Association, Daniel Hermann Professional Conduct Award (2024)

Delaware State Bar Association, Kimmel-Thynge Award - Outstanding Contributions to ADR in Delaware (2021)

Delaware Today - Top Lawyer ADR (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)

EXPERIENCE

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL | *Chief Disciplinary Counsel* | Delaware Supreme Court

- Provided members of the Delaware Bar with educational and compliance resources.
- Investigated and prosecuted cases before the Unauthorized Practice of Law Subcommittee of the Board.
- Petitioned the Court of Chancery for the appointment of a receiver on behalf of lawyers who have died, abandoned practice, were suspended/disbarred or unable to continue practice.
- Supervised the Ethics Hotline, providing Delaware attorneys professional guidance on prospective conduct.

MCCARTER & ENGLISH LLP | *Office Managing Partner*

- Office Managing Partner of the Wilmington, Delaware office
- Member of firm's Pro Bono Committee, Ethics Committee, Growth Committee, and Accounts Receivable Committee.
- Concentrated in the areas of Alternative Dispute Resolution (Mediation, Arbitration, Special Master), Complex Commercial Litigation, Commercial Loan Workouts, and Toxic Tort Litigation.
- Liaison and a New Castle County Chair to the annual Combined Campaign for Justice, supporting the Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. ("CLASI"), Delaware Volunteer Legal Services, Inc. ("DVLS"), and the Legal Services Corporation of Delaware, Inc.
- Established firm's annual sponsorship of the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware 5K Race.
- Served on Executive Committee of the Ministry of Caring Guild and volunteered at the Emmanuel Dining Room.
- Lead attorney in a pro bono post-conviction matter seeking an individualized sentencing hearing in accordance with the U.S. Supreme Court in *Miller v. Alabama* and *Jackson v. Hobbs* decisions.
- Served on the Board of Bar Examiners of the Delaware Supreme Court and I continue to serve on the Executive Committee of the Delaware State Bar Association and as an Honorary Volunteer Member of the Professional Guidance Committee.

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE | *Commissioner*

- Presided over all pretrial matters and motions pertaining to Superior Court's complex mass tort litigation in the areas of environmental Asbestos and Benzene exposure.
- Mediated over 100 civil cases each year (2001-2008).
- Presided over criminal and civil proceedings, including criminal arraignments, capias returns and bail review hearings, involuntary civil commitment hearings, periodic criminal case reviews and violations of probation, jury selection and orientation and contempt proceedings involving payment of outstanding court fines, costs, and restitution.
- Presided over several civil bench trials (upon consent).
- Appointed as Special Discovery Master to resolve discovery and pretrial disputes in complex civil cases.
- Drafted written opinions and presided over weekly civil motion calendars.

WELCH & WHITE, P.A. | *Partner*

- Assisted in forming the law firm of Welch & White, P.A.
- Responsible for firm-related personnel and staffing issues.
- Arbitrator/hearing officer for numerous administrative/employment disputes involving the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services (Adult Abuse Registry hearings), the Delaware State University, and several public-school districts.

MURPHY, WELCH, SPADARO & LONDON | *Partner*

- Commercial litigation and representation of numerous regional and local banks in creditors' rights and bankruptcy litigation matters.
- Appointed as hearing officer for various Delaware public school districts in labor and employment disputes.

DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE | *Deputy Attorney General*

- Represented the Delaware State Board of Education and the Department of Education requiring continuous litigation and monitoring of the desegregation orders entered against the State Board and the four northern New Castle County school districts by the U.S. District Court.
- Represented several other executive branch Departments, including the Department of Homeland Security (Delaware State Police, the Division of Motor Vehicles, etc.) and the Department of Correction in litigation and trial matters pending in state and federal courts.

EDUCATION

WIDENER UNIVERSITY DELAWARE LAW SCHOOL, Juris Doctorate

Honors: Law Review, The Delaware Journal of Corporate Law, vol. 11; President, Moot Court Honor Society; Contributing Editor, The Delaware Law Forum; Winner, First Year Moot Court Competition Problem

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE, Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration/Sociology

Honors: Dean's List graduate

BAR ADMISSIONS

STATE BAR ADMISSIONS

Delaware

FEDERAL BAR ADMISSIONS

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware

APPOINTMENTS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CIVIL TRIAL MEDIATORS | *Fellow*

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DISTINGUISHED NEUTRALS | *Member*

SPECIAL MASTER PANEL FOR THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE | *Member*

BOARD OF BAR EXAMINERS OF THE DELAWARE SUPREME COURT | *Member*

COMBINED CAMPAIGN FOR JUSTICE | *New Castle County Chair*

DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION | *President-Elect | July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025*

DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION | *At-Large Member, elected | Executive Committee*

DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION | *Treasurer, elected | Member | Executive Committee*

DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION | *Assistant Treasurer, elected | Member | Executive Committee*

JURISDICTIONAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE | *Member*

ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMISSION | *Member* | Focus Group on Enhancing Pro Bono Representation in Delaware.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHILDREN'S BEACH HOUSE | *Member*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF JUSTIN W. JENNINGS FOUNDATION | *Member*

MINISTRY OF CARING GUILD | *Member | Executive Committee*

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, UNCLAIMED AND ABANDONED PROPERTY DISPUTES | *Independent Reviewer*

DSBA PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE COMMITTEE | *Member | Honorary Volunteer Member*

DSBA ADR, LITIGATION, AND REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY SECTIONS | *Member*

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SECTIONS | *Member*

DSBA COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL COMPENSATION | *Member*

RICHARD S. RODNEY INNS OF COURT SEITZ LITIGATION GROUP | *Member | Benchers/Master*

CARPENTER-WALSH PRO BONO INN OF COURT | *Member*

JUDGE VINCENT BIFFERATO TRIAL PRACTICE FORUM STEERING COMMITTEE | *Member*

FIRST STATE COMMUNITY LOAN FUND | *Member | Executive Board Member/Counsel*

GOVERNOR'S PRISON CONSERVATION CORPS COMMITTEE | *Member*