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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Moore Taylor & Thomas, West Columbia, South Carolina. Of Counsel, 2008-present.

- Created and developed bankruptcy department at firm, supervising attorneys and support staff, including overseeing marketing, client intake, case management, and administrative responsibilities.

Jane H. Downey, P.A., Columbia, South Carolina. 1997-present.

- Full service bankruptcy practice concentrating in bankruptcy and collection law, representing creditors and debtors with an emphasis on adversary proceedings and mediation. Clients range from national finance companies, to local banks and individuals.

Nelson, Mullins, Riley and Scarborough, L.L.P., Columbia and Greenville, South Carolina. 1990-1997.

- Practice at largest firm in South Carolina with offices worldwide focused on bankruptcy law, particularly in domestic law and bankruptcy. Responsibilities included taking the lead or secondary role representing the interests of creditors, unsecured creditors' committees and debtors in medium to large cases.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2005-2008 Chair of Bankruptcy & Debtor-Creditor Law Specialization Advisory Board, member 2003-2008.
- 2006-2008 Section Delegate of Solo and Small Firm Section of South Carolina Bar to South Carolina Bar House of Delegates; 2005-2006 Section Chair, 2003-2007 Member.
- Appointed to Committee of South Carolina Bar Probate and Estate Council to study Uniform Trust Code and to make a recommendation to South Carolina legislature by 2005 whether to adopt Code in South Carolina. Legislature adopted recommendations.
- Found Qualified as Candidate for Circuit Court Judge by Judicial Merit Selection Commission, 2003.
- Certified specialist by the South Carolina Supreme Court in bankruptcy and debtor/creditor law since 1996.
- Certified by American Board of Certification in business bankruptcy since 1996.
- Admitted to South Carolina Bar since 1990.
- Admitted to United States District Court for the District of South Carolina and United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.
- South Carolina Bankruptcy Law Association: Past Member of Board of Directors, Past President, Past Vice-President, Past Secretary, Past Treasurer, Past Chair of Convention and Seminar Planning Committee, Incorporating Attorney, and Past Chair of Public Service Committee, Member 2006 Convention and Seminar Planning Committee.
- South Carolina Bar Association.
- American Bankruptcy Institute.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Taught English to Chinese kindergarten students while living in Shenzhen China, 2008.
- Cub Scout leader, 2007-2008.
- Participant in CARE program, providing financial education to high school students pertaining to credit card debt, 2007-2008.
- Ask-a-Lawyer Program, answering bankruptcy questions in telephone bank setting, available to public for free, 2007-2008.
- SC Bar Pro Bono Program, accepting bankruptcy cases for free to low income families, 1990-2008.
- South Carolina Honorary Chair of the Business Advisory Counsel, 2003.
- Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development, City of Columbia, 1998-2002.
- Taught paralegal course on bankruptcy.
- Played in Volvo Tennis League.

MEDIATION ACTIVITIES

- Certified Mediator by the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina.
- Certified Mediator by South Carolina Supreme Court.
- Certified Arbitrator by South Carolina Supreme Court.
- Midlands Mediation Network: Past Vice-President, and Past Member of Board of Directors.

RECENT AWARDS

- South Carolina Super Lawyers, 2008 and 2009.
- Boy Scouts of America Volunteer of the Year presented by The Congaree District of the Indian Waters Council for outstanding service to Pack 8, 2008.

PUBLICATIONS

- Editorial Board for Marital Litigation in South Carolina, 1st, 2nd and 3rd edition.
- Co-author of The Paralegal Survivor Guide, 1999.
- "Untying the Knot: Practicing Domestic Law Under the New Bankruptcy Reform Act", American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, Vol. XV, No. 1, February 1996.
- "Practicing Domestic Law Under the Bankruptcy Reform Act", South Carolina Lawyer, Vol. 7, No. 4, January/February 1996.
- "The Power of Persuasion: Convincing Nonconsumer Lawyers to Accept Pro Bono Bankruptcy Cases", Bankruptcy Litigation Newsletter, Vol.3, No. 2, Spring 1995.
- "Practicing Domestic Law Under the Bankruptcy Reform Act", Bankruptcy Litigation Newsletter, Vol. III, No. 4, Fall 1995.
- "Convincing Nonconsumer Lawyers to Accept Pro Bono Bankruptcy Cases", American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, Vol. XIII, No. 10, December/January 1995.
- "Bankruptcy Laws Recognize Special Needs of Children", Consumer Law Letter, Vol. X, No. 1, July 1994.
- Co-author, Local Rule 4001.2, United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of South Carolina, which eases the collection of child support.
- Co-author, "Bankruptcy After Divorce: I thought we had an agreement," South Carolina Lawyer, May/June 1992.

LECTURES PRESENTED RECENTLY

- CARE Program Presentation, Explained effect of credit card debt to local high school students, November 2007.
- Bankruptcy: Practicing under the Bankruptcy Reform Act, February 2007, Presented Nuts and Bolts of Filing a Chapter 13 case. Attendees ranged from experienced lawyers to recent law school graduates.
- 2006 Solo & Small Firm Section Conference, October 2006, Assisted SC Bar with organizing seminar schedule, speakers, topics and location and presented break out group lecture on bankruptcy to lawyers practicing in variety of areas.
- Chapter 7 Bankruptcy: Disproving a New Presumption of Abuse, September 2005, Presented some changes in BAPCPA to forum of bankruptcy lawyers.
- Basics of Bankruptcy Chapter 11 Practice, May 2005, Presented to South Carolina Bar.
- Domestic Law and Bankruptcy, September 2004, Interactive seminar presented to attendees of South Carolina Bankruptcy Law Association.
- Small Business Concerns: Chapter 7 v. Chapter 11, November 2003, Power Point Presentation in advanced bankruptcy seminar to bankruptcy professionals.
- Substantive Skills Training, June 2003, presented seminar to attorneys who provide free legal services to indigent clients with an introduction to bankruptcy law.

REPORTED CASES

- *Breibart v. Breibart (In re Breibart)*, C/A No. 03-07440, Adv. P. No. 04-80195-W (Bankr. D.S.C. Dec. 15, 2004) (JW)
- *Anderson v. Dick Smith Nissan, Inc. (In re Joyner)*, 326 B.R. 334 (Bankr. D.S.C.) *affirmed in re Joyner*, C/A No 3:04-0888-17, slip op. (D.S.C. Dec. 15, 2004)
- *In re Twins*, 295 B.R. 568 (Bankr. D.S.C. 2003)
- *In re Kingsmore*, 295 B.R. 812 (Bankr. D.S.C. 2002)

EDUCATION

Emory University School of Law, J.D., May 1990.

- Outstanding Young Women of America Recipient
- Moot Court Society: Law Day Competition Semi-Finalist, Special Teams Finalist
- Honor Court Judge
- Phi Alpha Delta Justice
- Student Bar Association Representative
- Student Legal Services Caseworker

Furman University, B.A., June 1987, *cum laude*, political science major.

- Pi Gamma Mu International Social Science Honorary
- Participant in Furman Foreign Study Program in The Baltic, Winter 1987
- Furman Singers

Vanderbilt University, 1983-1984.