

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION:

J. D.—George Mason University School of Law (1979)
B. A.—Ohio Wesleyan University (*cum laude*) (1976)
Major in Economics

CURRENT OCCUPATION:

Assistant Professor/Senior Lecturer in Law

George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School

Arlington, Virginia

August 2015 – present

- Professor for Evidence, Advanced Trial Advocacy and Virginia Practice and Civil Procedure, Criminal Law
 - Director of the Virginia Practice Supervised Externship program
 - Supervisor of the school's *pro bono* initiatives
 - Advisor/coach to Regional/National Mock Trial Teams
 - Faculty advisor to the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
 - “Law School Teaching Excellence Award,” 2017 recipient
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- Past affiliation: Adjunct Professor of Law (1991-2015) Trial Advocacy, Advanced Trial Advocacy, Virginia Remedies and Virginia Practice.
 - Advisor/coach to Regional/National Mock Trial Team (2012-2014)
 - “Distinguished Alumnus of the Year,” 2014 award recipient

Instructor

Themis Bar Review

October 2018 – September 2023

- “Virginia Civil Procedure”

PAST POSITIONS:

Managing Attorney

Michael L. Davis & Associates

State Farm Insurance Company Claim Litigation Counsel

Alexandria, Virginia (2003-2015)

- Involved primarily in personal injury and wrongful death litigation and insurance law
- Created, spearheaded and implemented Claim Litigation Counsel “Trial Skills Academy” for the training of new trial attorneys
- Chair, Claim Litigation Counsel Mentoring and Development Committee
Created and implemented educational and developmental programs and initiatives for over 1600 Corporate Law employees at all levels (2013-2014)
- Corporate Law National *Pro Bono* Committee overseeing *pro bono* policies and activities of more than 800 attorneys. (2012-2013)
- Assisted Public Affairs in the creation of and lobbying for Virginia legislative initiatives affecting civil procedure and litigation processes (2006-2015)

Partner, Principal and Trial Attorney

Brandt, Jennings, Roberts, Davis & Snee

Fairfax, Virginia (1980-2002)

- Co-managing Partner/Principal (1990-1992; 1996; 2000-2002)
- Involved primarily in personal injury and wrongful death litigation and insurance law
- Rated “A V” by Martindale-Hubbell

ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS:

Virginia State Bar

Virginia Bar Association

Fairfax County Bar Association

Arlington County Bar Association

Virginia Trial Lawyers Association

Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys

American Bar Association

Past member

- Defense Research Institute (1980-2013)

- Northern Virginia Defense Lawyers Association (1980-1993)

 - Member of Board of Directors (1990)

- Northern Virginia Young Lawyers Association (1980-1985)

 - Vice-President (1983)

LEGAL ACTIVITIES:

Arlington County Bar Foundation (2019 -present)

- President (2023-2024)

- Vice-President and director (2022-2023)

- Ex-officio director (2019-2022)

Virginia Bar Association *Pro Bono* Council
-member (2019-present)

Virginia State Bar “Virginia Access to Justice *Pro Bono* Coordinating Consortium”
-member (2016-present)

Virginia State Bar Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board (2004-2010)
-Chair (2009-2010)
-Vice-Chair (2008-2009)
-Appointed by the Virginia Supreme Court to review and approve proposed continuing legal education programs and courses for more than 25,000 members of the Virginia State Bar

Virginia State Bar Harry L. Carrico Professionalism Course (2005)
-Appointed as a faculty member by the Virginia Supreme Court to teach newly admitted State Bar members ethics and professionalism

Virginia State Bar 5th District Committee (1992-1993)
-Lawyer Grievance and Discipline

Virginia State Bar 10th District Committee (1990-1992)
-Lawyer Grievance and Discipline

George Mason American Inn of Court (2003-present)

- Emeritus* Master

- Chair, Pupilage and Mentoring Committee (2009-2015)

- Created and successfully implemented a new “three tier” mentoring model in 2014

Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys (1980-present)

- Awards and Judicial Endorsements Committee (2008-2009)

- Advisor/coach to “Trial Tactics Workshop” (2007)

- Annual Convention Planning Committee (2005)

- Co-Chair of Annual Convention (1992)

Fairfax County Bar Association

- Judicial Screening Committee (1993-1994; 2000-2003)

Fairfax County Circuit Court

- Motions Conciliator (1997-2015)

- Neutral Case Evaluator (1993-2011)

Arbitrator (1995-2002)

- Retained jointly by injured parties and insurance companies to conduct hearings, receive evidence and briefs, and render binding findings/awards

National Law School Trial Competition (1990)

- Judge, Region III

Moot Court Judge

-George Mason University School of Law (1989)

-Catholic University School of Law (1986-1988)

LECTURER, AUTHOR AND PARTICIPANT:

National Business Institute, Inc.

“The Judges’ View: Virginia Civil Litigation Do’s and Don’ts”

Arlington, Virginia (October 2024)

Arlington County Bar Foundation/Bar Association

“The Professor Michael L. Davis Annual Reality Trial CLE”

A Criminal Jury trial – A View From the Jury Box

Arlington, Virginia (October 2024)

Arlington County Bar Foundation/Bar Association

“The Professor Michael L. Davis Annual Reality Trial CLE”

A Civil Jury trial – A View From the Jury Box

Arlington, Virginia (October 2023)

National Business Institute, Inc.

“Civil Court Judicial Forum”

Arlington, Virginia (October 2023)

National Business Institute, Inc.
“Circuit Court Civil Forum”
Arlington, Virginia (October 2022)

George Mason American Inn of Court
“The Art of Direct and Cross-examination”
Arlington, Virginia (February 2022)

National Business Institute, Inc.
“The Judges’ View: Virginia Civil Litigation Do’s and Don’ts”
Arlington, Virginia (October 2021)

Arlington County Foundation/Bar Association
“The Professor Michael L. Davis Reality Trial”
Arlington, Virginia (October 2019)

National Business Institute, Inc.
“Civil Court Judicial Forum: Advanced Discovery and Trial Practice”
Fairfax, Virginia (September 2019)

District Courts of Virginia Annual Judicial Conference
“Evidence Revisited: I Think I’ve Got This!”
Williamsburg, Virginia (August 2019)

Supreme Court of Virginia Annual Judicial Conference
“Evidence Revisited: “I Think I’ve Got This!”
Williamsburg, Virginia (May 2019)

National Business Institute, Inc.

“The Judges Speak: “Civil Litigation Do’s and Don’ts”

Fairfax, Virginia (October 2018)

Arlington County Bar Foundation/Bar Association

“A Civil Jury Trial- A View from the Jury Box”

Arlington, Virginia (October 2018)

Arlington County Bar Association

“Trial in Reality and How a Jury Considers the Evidence”

Arlington, Virginia (October 2017)

Virginia State Bar

Annual Young lawyers Professional Development Conference

“The Effective Use of Discovery at Trial”

Tysons Corner, Virginia (September 2017)

Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys

“Subpoenas for the Claims File: What is Protected, What is Discoverable,
What is Uncertain”

Staunton, Virginia (May 2017)

National Business Institute, Inc.

“The Judges Speak: Civil Court Litigation Do’s and Don’ts”

Fairfax, Virginia (October 2016)

Arlington County Bar Association

“The Civil Trial Reality Show: Ethical Considerations”

Arlington, Virginia (October 2016)

National Business Institute, Inc.

“Auto Injury Litigation from Start to Finish”

Fairfax, Virginia (October 2014)

Arlington County Bar Association

“The Civil Jury Trial Reality Show”

Arlington, Virginia (October 2014)

National Business Institute, Inc.

“Auto Injury Litigation from Start to Finish”

Fairfax, Virginia (October 2013)

George Mason American Inn of Court

“Juror *Voir Dire* and Feedback”

Arlington, Virginia (October 2013)

Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys

“Third-Party Presence during Independent Medical Examinations-
Practical and Ethical Considerations”

Charlottesville, Virginia (May 2012)

George Mason American Inn of Court

“Pre-Game Warm-up: Preparing Clients and Witnesses for Depositions,
ADR and Trial”

Arlington, Virginia (October 2011)

Fairfax Bar Association

“Infant Settlements: An Overview of Changes in Procedures”

Fairfax, Virginia (December 2010)

National Business Institute, Inc.

“Evidence and Expert Testimony Best Practices: Supporting Your Case”

Fairfax, Virginia (October 2009)

National Business Institute, Inc.

“Insurance Coverage Litigation”

Fairfax, Virginia (February 2008)

Arlington County Bar Association

“Strategies for Civil Discovery”

Arlington, Virginia (February 2007)

National Business Institute, Inc.

“Small Office Management for the Legal Professional”

Fairfax, Virginia (October 2006)

Virginia Regional Judicial Conference

“The Mirror Has Two Faces: Civil Controversies—Can We Both Be Right?”

Gainesville, Virginia (April 2006)

Lohrman Educational Services

“Discovery Skills for Legal Staff in Virginia”

Arlington, Virginia (November 2005)

Fairfax County Bar Association, 2005 Annual Convention

“Use of Discovery in Civil Practice”

Hot Springs, Virginia (November 2005)

Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys, 2005 Annual Convention

“*Voir Dire*”—First Impressions, Lasting Impressions”

Tysons Corner, Virginia (October 2005)

D. C. Regional Court Reporters Association, 2005 Annual Convention

“How to Keep Clients Happy”

Washington, D. C. (September 2005)

Fairfax County Bar Association

“How to Effectively Use Discovery at Trial”

Fairfax, Virginia (July 2005)

National Business Institute, Inc.

“Insurance Law—Third-Party Coverage in Virginia”

Fairfax, Virginia (June 2005)

Virginia State Bar

Professionalism Course—“The Bar’s Disciplinary Process”

Charlottesville, Virginia (March 2005)

Lohrman Educational Services

“Litigation Skills for Legal Staff in Virginia”

Arlington, Virginia (December 2004)

Virginia State Bar

Professionalism course—“The Bar’s Disciplinary Process”

McLean, Virginia (July 2004)

National Business Institute, Inc.

“Insurance Coverage Law in Virginia”

Fairfax, Virginia (May 2004)

National Business Institute, Inc.

“Trying the Automobile Case in Virginia”

Fairfax, Virginia (December 2003)

Fairfax County Bar Association

“Discovery Abuses and How to Combat Them”

Irvington, Virginia (November 2003)

National Business Institute, Inc.

“Insurance Law—Third-Party Coverage in Virginia”

Arlington, Virginia (October 2003)

Lohrman Education Services

“Litigation Skills for Legal Staff in Virginia”

McLean, Virginia (May 2001)

National Business Institute, Inc.

“Insurance Law—Third-Party Coverage in Virginia”

Arlington, Virginia (February 2001)

Lohrman Education Services

“Litigation Skills for Legal Staff in Virginia”

Arlington, Virginia (May 2000)

Virginia Trial Lawyers Association

“Preparing and Trying an Automobile Personal Injury Case”

Falls Church, Virginia (May 1999)

Fairfax County Bar Association

“Fairfax County Juries: What really Works?”

Fairfax, Virginia (1999)

National Business Institute, Inc.

“Insurance Coverage Law in Virginia”

McLean, Virginia (April 1996)

Fairfax County Bar Association

“Trial Practice Series: Winning Your Case in *Voir Dire*”

Fairfax, Virginia (April 1996)

National Business Institute, Inc.

“Premises Liability: Preparation and Trial of a Difficult Case in Virginia”

Tysons Corner, Virginia (September 1995)

Committee on Continuing Legal Education

Virginia Bar Foundation in association with the

Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys

“An Orientation for Young lawyers Entering a Civil Defense Practice”

Richmond, Virginia (February 1994)

National Business Institute, Inc.

“Bad Faith Litigation in Virginia”

Falls Church, Virginia (January 1994)

American Professional Seminars, Inc.
“Winning Psychological Cases”
Tysons Corner, Virginia (August 1993)

Fairfax County Bar Association, 1993 Annual Convention
“Circuit Court Practice—Jury Trials”
Hot Springs, Virginia (May 1993)

National Business Institute, Inc.
“Evidence in Trial Practice in Virginia”
Tysons Corner, Virginia (January 1993)

Arlington County Bar Association
“A Civil Jury Trial—The Real thing”
Arlington, Virginia (June 1992)

National Business Institute, Inc.
“Civil Trial Procedures in Virginia”
Arlington, Virginia (June 1992)

Committee on Continuing Legal Education
Virginia Bar Foundation in association with the
Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys
“An Orientation for Young Lawyers Entering a Civil Defense Practice”
Richmond, Virginia (April 1992)

National Business Institute, Inc.

“Personal Injury Litigation Practice in Virginia”

Arlington, Virginia (June 1991)

Arlington county Bar Association

“12th Annual Negligence Seminar”

Arlington, Virginia (May 1990)

Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, 1989 Blue Ribbon Seminar

“Tough Trials, Tough Issues, Winning Tactics”

McLean, Virginia (November 1989)

Committee on Continuing Legal Education

Virginia Bar Foundation

“Trying Cases in Virginia—Exhibits and Experts”

McLean and Norfolk, Virginia (October 1989)

Committee on Continuing Legal Education

Virginia Bar Foundation in association with the

Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys

“An Orientation for Young lawyers Entering a Civil Defense Practice”

Richmond, Virginia (March 1989)

Arlington County Bar Association

“Trying a Personal Injury Case in Virginia”

Arlington, Virginia (March 1989)

