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Experience

AV-Preeminent peer rating (Martindale-Hubbell); Business law and general civil litigation, including commercial, domestic relations (divorce, custody, child support, paternity), probate, product liability, real estate, ERISA, copyright and trademark law, defamation defense (for newspapers, broadcasters, individuals, police officers and homeowners' groups) and first amendment law (e.g., public records, newsrack placement, commercial speech, court access, publishing contracts, prepublication review, reporters' subpoenas, etc.) as an associate (1982-88) and partner (1988-91), at Gust, Rosenfeld & Henderson, Phoenix, solo practitioner (1991-1993), Phoenix, and owner of Mead & Associates PC (1993-2015), and Terry Mead Law & Mediation PLLC, Glendale (2015-present); Member/manager, Arizona Center for Conflict Resolution & Education, LLC, dba West Valley Mediation Center (2007-2015); investigation and preparation of ethics complaints against attorneys for the Wisconsin Supreme Court Board of Attorneys Professional Responsibility (part-time 1980-82); teacher, "Street Law" (high school students, 1981); post-conviction criminal representation as an intern in the Wisconsin Legal Assistance to Inmates Program (1977); reporter/news editor, Green Bay (Wisconsin) News-Chronicle (1978-80).

Education

B.A. summa cum laude (1976), Social Change and Development, University of Wisconsin--Green Bay; J.D. (1981), M.A. Journalism (1982), University of Wisconsin--Madison; Meuer Photojournalism Fellow (1981-82); National Institute of Trial Advocacy Advanced Trial Advocacy Seminar, University of Florida (1989); Labor Relations Information System Police Law Institute (1999); Thunderbird Graduate School of International Business (Spanish immersion) (2003); have met or exceeded annual continuing legal education requirements for either Wisconsin or Arizona every year since 1981; Mediator training (Seattle, 2006).

Publications

"Suing Media for Emotional Distress," Washburn Law Journal (Fall 1983); "Writing the Law of Lawyer Advertising," Arizona State Law Journal (Spring 1991); editor, Wisconsin Supreme Court Record Report (State Bar of Wisconsin 1982); co-editor, A Consumers' Guide to Wisconsin Law (State Bar of Wisconsin 1982).

Bar and professional memberships

Wisconsin (1981-2015); Arizona (1982); United States District Court (Arizona) and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (1983); American Bar Association (past); Maricopa County Bar Association (1984-2008); Association of Trial Lawyers of America (past); West Maricopa County Bar Association (1994-present); Arizona Chapter of Association for Conflict Resolution (board member 2012-14); Maricopa County Association of Family Mediators (2007-present; ethics chair 2010-11; president 2012-13).

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Bar activities and awards

West Maricopa County Bar Association (treasurer, 2000-01; secretary, 2001-02; vice-president/president elect, 2002-03; president, 2003-04); member, State Bar of Arizona Member Assistance Committee (2003-present) and co-chair (2013-2016), Special Committee on Lawyer Advertising (1989-90) (wrote minority report); Maricopa County Volunteer Lawyers Program Small Firm of the Year (2004) and Children's Law Center Law Firm of the Year (2001); Maricopa County Bar Association Robert R. Mills Member of the Year (1988); chair, editorial board, The Maricopa Lawyer (1986-89); co-chair, professional seminars for lawyers, judges and journalists sponsored by the Maricopa County Bar Association (1986-95); Wisconsin Student Bar Association president (1977-78); frequent speaker to high school, college, community groups and church.

Community activities and awards

Having a Dream Award (Northwest Black History Committee, 2012); Super Lawyer (Arizona Super Lawyer magazine 2007, 2013-15); City of Glendale (Arizona) Judicial Selection Advisory Board (2008-15; chair 2012-15); City of El Mirage (Arizona) Judicial Selection Advisory Committee (2007-2010); Defenders of Children, Outstanding Attorney Advocate Award (2008); Glendale Chamber Foundation (appreciation award, 2003; incorporator; board of directors, 2001-2013; acting president, 2001); Glendale Community College President's Circle (2004-present); Symphony of the West Valley (board of trustees, 2002-05); Kiwanis commendation, Men of Glendale 2002; Arrowhead Community Bank (board of directors, 2000-09); Glendale Chamber of Commerce (1999 Volunteer Member of the Year; member, 1993-2015; board of directors, 1999-2005); commendation, Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence (1992); Boy Scouts of America (district vice-chair, 2003-2006; executive board member, Grand Canyon Council, 1990-2005; council activities chair, 1991-96; Silver Beaver Award, 2004); lifetime member, National Eagle Scout Association; Order of the Arrow; Scouters Key; District Award of Merit; former Cubmaster, pack administration instructor and Scoutmaster); President, West Valley Unitarian Universalist Church Board of Trustees (2009-10); Peoria Chamber of Commerce (2010 President's Award).

Mediation Practice and Training

Co-founder of the Arizona Center for Conflict Resolution & Education, L.L.C., and the West Valley Mediation Center in 2006, intended to widen the availability of mediation and other alternative dispute resolution services in the Northwest Valley and to teach peer mediation techniques to high school students. Completed formal mediation training in Seattle in 2006, but had acted as a mediator and used mediation techniques in litigation practice for a decade earlier; uses interview skills developed as a newspaper reporter to establish an empathetic rapport with parties and discuss otherwise hidden issues that may interfere with the implementation of long-term agreements. Past member of the Association for Conflict Resolution and its Arizona chapter (Board of Directors, 2012-14); Maricopa County Association of Family Mediators (2007-present; board of directors 2010-13, ethics chair 2010-11; president 2012-13).

Personal

Single; two sons, granddaughter, and great-grandsons. Hiking, photography, writing, speaking. Active member of Al-Anon (for friends and family of alcoholics) 2002-present; group representative; Al-Anon liaison to AA events and activities. Member of Worship Services Committee and frequent speaker and moderator at West Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, Glendale.