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EDUCATION

1967-1971
Baylor University
Waco, TX
Major: History, B.A.

Fall 1971, August 1975-December 1977
University of Kentucky College of Law
Lexington, KY
Degree, J.D.

United States Air Force
Personnel Officer School, Keesler AFB, MS, 1972, honor graduate

EXPERIENCE

- ◆ February 2008 – present: Commissioner Kentucky Department of Workers Claims Compensation Board, Chairman. Commissioner is the head of the Agency charged with administering the Kentucky Workers Compensation Act, KRS Chapter 342. The agency has approximately 180 employees including 16 administrative law judges, three workers compensation board members (appeals level administrative law judges), and divisions that manage data collection, enforcement of coverage, approval of self-insurance, and manage the claims litigation process. Regularly appear before Legislative committees to discuss specific legislative proposals and also to educate on timely workers' compensation issues.
- ◆ January , 2004 - February, 2008: Jones, Walters, Turner and Shelton Law Offices, PLLC, a legal practice with offices in Owensboro, KY, Lexington,

KY and Pikeville, KY. Managing Member of the Owensboro office in a general law practice with emphasis in workers' compensation and Federal Black Lung.

- ◆ August, 1994 – January 2004: Kentucky Workers Compensation Board (Chair 2000-2004). The workers compensation board is the initial level of appeal from decisions of administrative law judges in the Kentucky system. The three member board acts as an appeals panel with each appeal being heard by all members. Frequently consulted by the then commissioner on the development of legislation and implementation of legislation with regulations.
- ◆ May 1990 - August 1994: Administrative Law Judge, Kentucky Department of Workers Claims. ALJs in the Kentucky system are the fact finder/decision maker on all litigated workers compensation litigated claims. During this period with a primary office in Owensboro, KY, but assigned to hear cases all over the state from Paducah to Pikeville. During this period a record number of litigated claims, many occupational disease claims, were filed and decided by the 15 ALJs.
- ◆ 1984-1989 - Adjunct Professor of Business Law, Kentucky Wesleyan College or Legal Practice and Procedure, Owensboro Community College, Owensboro, KY.
- ◆ June 1979- June 1981 and July 1983- May 1990: Wilson, Wilson and Plain Law Office, Owensboro, KY: Associate Attorney and then Partner. Engaged in the general practice of law with an emphasis on civil litigation; personal injury, products' liability, insurance defense, workers compensation, longshore and harborworkers, and railroad disputes.
- ◆ June 1981-July 1983: McCarroll, Nunley, and Hartz Law Office, Owensboro, KY. Law Office, Owensboro, KY: Engaged in the general practice of law with an emphasis on civil litigation; personal injury, products' liability, insurance defense, workers compensation (state and federal), and railroad disputes.
- ◆ March 1978-May 1979: Workers Compensation In House Staff Attorney, Kentucky Court of Appeals. Responsible for the initial review of every Workers Compensation Appeal to the court, drafting opinions for the judges, reviewing all decisions from the various three judge panels and screening them to avoid conflicts in decision being made by different panels.
- ◆ 1976 – 1977, Part time clerk for Circuit Judge Henry Pennignton, Boyle and Mercer Circuit Judge, Danville and Harrodsburg, KY. Preparing summaries of motion for Judge on motions, drafting orders and providing

memoranda as requested by the judge.

- ^ January 1972-July 1975: Personnel Officer United States Air Force. Responsible for the administration of all Air Force personnel matters as assigned. Performed in a variety of Section Chief positions initially at McGuire Air Force Base, NJ, and the at Osan AB, Korea.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Kentucky Bar Association, member
- Workers' Compensation Section, Kentucky Bar Association, member
- National Association of Worker's Compensation Judiciary,
- Fellow, College of Workers Compensation Lawyers
- Southern Association of Workers Compensation Administrators (SAWCA); President (2011-2012), President elect (2010-2011), Vice President (2009-2010), Executive Committee (1997-2004 and 2008-present)
- International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions (IAIABC); President elect (2013-present), Vice President (2012-2013), Executive Committee (2010-present)
- Kentucky Worker's Compensation Education Association, Board member
- Kids' Chance of Kentucky, Charter Board member
- Member Planning Committee and Contributing author to Workers' Compensation Law in Kentucky, (3rd Ed., UK/CLE, 2002), Co-Author, Preface; Chapter 1: Introduction and Overview to Law of Workers' Compensation in Kentucky; and author, Chapter 20: Appeals
- Contributing author to Workers' Compensation Law in Kentucky, (2nd Ed., UK/CLE, 1996), Co-Author, Chapter 1: Introduction and Overview to Law of Workers' Compensation in Kentucky; and Chapter 16: Appeals
- Member of planning committee, and presenter for UK/CLE 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002 2004, 2006 2008, 2010, 2012 and 2014 biennial workers' compensation institute
- Contributing Author, AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Disease and Injury, CAUSATION (2nd Ed., American Medical Association, 2014), Co-Author, Chapter 28: The Workers' Compensation Commission Perspective
- Frequent presenter at seminars for attorneys, judges, physicians, labor groups, employers, insurance adjusters and most anyone that asks both in Kentucky and nationally on the subject of worker's compensation

CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Former Board Member, Daviess County School Board, Daviess County Public Schools
- Former member Board of Contributors, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer

- Various Leadership positions, Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, KY
- Coaching experience with youth and adults in football, basketball, baseball, softball, soccer and volleyball.

PRESENTATIONS

In excess of 100