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August 2016 to present Private civil mediator; Legal Consultant

February 1999 to July 2016 United States Magistrate Judge, Eastern District of
Louisiana, New Orleans, LA

Served for over 18 years handling a civil docket including: 1) conducting consent bench and jury trials; 2) ruling on discovery motions; 3) case management; 4) acting as the initial judicial officer on habeas, social security, 42 U.S.C. sec. 1983 and Title VII cases; 5) conducting mediation as the alternative dispute resolution arm of the district court and successfully resolving hundreds of lawsuits which included every variety of business, commercial, insurance and contract disputes, maritime/admiralty, and products liability matters.

Was assigned to the multi-district litigation Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon," 10-MD-2179, which spanned 6 years. Involvement included: 1) handling all discovery including planning and conduct of well over 300 depositions and overseeing electronic production of millions of documents; 2) conducting weekly status conferences with dozens of attorneys; 3) spurring the settlement of all economic claims against BP resulting in a class action settlement; 4) acting to supervise the Court Supervised Settlement Program to administer the BP economic class settlement; 5) leading the efforts to successfully settle the claims of the United States, the five Gulf States and local governmental entities against BP, as well as the claims for punitive damages against Transocean and Halliburton resulting in a second class action settlement.

June 1981 to February 1999 Sessions & Fishman, LLP New Orleans, LA
Partner and Member of Management Committee

General civil litigation practice including contract disputes, products liability, lender liability and personal injury cases with clients that included individuals, banks, chemical companies, hotels and manufacturing firms. "AV" rated, Martindale-Hubbell.

March 1974 to May 1981

City of New Orleans

Employed with the Civil Service Department ultimately in charge of the daily operations for the recruitment and testing division with responsibility for supervision of 10 professional and 6 clerical staff members

Acted as assistant to the Director of the Parks and Parkways Department in charge of all personnel matters for over 400 employees.

Education:

Loyola School of Law, New Orleans, LA
Juris Doctor 1981
Law Review Member
Outstanding Casenote Award
Outstanding Law Review Senior

Newcomb College, New Orleans, LA
Bachelor of Arts 1972

Admitted to practice in Louisiana

Recent civic involvement: a founding member and current board member of the Lafayette Square Conservancy; member of the boards of The NOCCA Institute and The Audubon Commission.