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EDUCATION:

Louisiana State University - 1961 through 1967
Business Administration/Law Juris Doctorate May, 1967

EXPERIENCE:

Law clerk to Honorable E. Gordon West, Chief Judge, US District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, Baton Rouge Division August, 1967 - April 1969.

Durrett, Hardin, Hunter, Dameron & Fritchie - April, 1969 through December, 1983. Elected Partner in December, 1970; elected Managing Partner April, 1976.

Partner - Broadhurst, Brook, Mangham & Hardy - January, 1984 through April, 1987.

Partner - Mangham, Hardy, Rolfs, Bailey & Abadie (ultimately, Mangham, Hardy & Rolfs), May, 1987 through December, 1991.

Partner - Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson - February, 1992 to present.

Thirty-eight years practice in corporate, personal injury and environmental/toxic tort law with extensive trial and appellate experience in both federal and state courts in each area.

Representative clients in the Environmental/Toxic Tort field have included: Rollins Environmental Services, Inc.; Laidlaw Environmental Services, Inc.; Clean Harbors, Inc.; Marine Shale Processors, Inc.; Allied Waste Industries, Inc./Browning Ferris Industries, Inc.; Tessengerlo Kerley, Inc.; Georgia Gulf Corporation; Southern Holdings, Inc., Canadian National/Illinois Central Railroad Company; Formosa Plastics Corporation; Pearl River Polymers (SNF Holdings, France); Western Waste Industries, Inc.

Subspecialty in Alternative Dispute Resolution service as mediator and court appointed Special Master.

Service on Steering Committee of Joint Defense Group which defended the toxic tort class action litigation arising from the Combustion, Inc. Superfund site in Livingston Parish, Louisiana. Claims were brought on behalf of more than 10,000 persons against over 100 corporate/business enterprises and approximately 200 liability insurance carriers. Responsible in that case for defense of approximately fifteen companies alleged to have been generators at the site. The case ultimately settled for in excess of \$163,000,000.

Service as lead counsel and as member of multi-firm team assembled for defense of Georgia Gulf Corporation in toxic tort class action litigation arising out of alleged release of nitrogen and sulphur mustard agents from that company's Plaquemine, Louisiana Vinyl Chloride Monomer plant in 1996. Claims were brought on behalf of more than 2,000 persons, including employees of contractors and their spouses. Settled for approximately \$180,000,000.

Service by appointment of U.S. District Court Judge Richard T. Haik, Sr., on non-insurance carrier Defendants' Steering Committee in toxic tort mass joinder litigation arising out of alleged improper waste disposal activities at sites near Bayou Sorrel, Louisiana. Claims were asserted on behalf of some 2,500 individuals against approximately eighty corporate defendants and more than 250 insurance carriers. Settled for \$26.0 million.

Mediation of claims for damages filed in U.S. District Court in Baton Rouge on behalf of ten contractor employees and their spouses claiming exposure to chlorine gas against Vulcan Materials Co., a specialty chemical manufacturer. Settled for slightly more than \$2.0 million.

Mediation of serious claims for bodily injuries suffered in railroad crossing accident, filed in State District Court in Plaquemine, Louisiana, against the Missouri Pacific Railroad. Settled for \$275,000.

Mediation of claims for damages due to alleged bodily injuries and subsequent death of nursing home patient, filed in State District Court in Alexandria, Louisiana. Settled for \$150,000.

Service by appointment of U.S. District Court Judge John V. Parker as Co-Special Master in the matter entitled: *In the Matter of the Complaint of Ingram Barge Company, CA #97-266-A-1 and Tangy Washington, et al v. Donald E. Carlton, et al, CA #98-341-A-1*. That case involved more than 17,000 claimants and settled for \$40.5 million.

Service by appointment of 19th Judicial District Court Judge Timothy E. Kelley as Special Master to conduct in camera examination of privileged materials in a medical malpractice suit pending before him.

Service by appointment of 14th Judicial District Court Judge Robert L. Wyatt as Special Master in the Conoco I matter entitled *Lawrence Morrow, et al v. Conoco Inc., et al, Docket No. 2002-3860, Division D*.

Service by appointment of 14th Judicial District Court Judge Wilford D. Carter as Co-Special Master in the Conoco II matter entitled *Juanita Thibodeux, et al v. ConocoPhillips Company, et al, Docket No. 2003-481, Division F*.

The Conoco I and Conoco II matters involve more than 20,000 claimants and settled for more than \$69 million.

Service by appointment of 21st Judicial District Court Judge Brenda B. Ricks as Special Master in the matter entitled *Cherie Shumate, et al v. Ward II Water District, Docket No. 87,775 Division F*.

Service by appointment of U.S. District Court Judge William H. Steele as mediator in the matter entitled *Carrie Jean LaBauve, et al v. Olin Corporation, et al, Civil Action No. 03-00567-WS-B, Southern District of Alabama, Southern Division*.

Completion of 40 hours of Louisiana State Bar Association approved training in Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Lectured on the use of federal and state rules governing class action and mass joinder procedure in the management of complex, multi party chemical exposure claims at continuing legal education seminars presented by the Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 2002, 2003 and 2004.

Member, Environmental, Energy and Natural Resource Section at Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson.

ACTIVITIES/HONORS: Graduate, Inaugural Session, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Boulder, Colorado, June - July, 1972

Member, Board of Directors, Baton Rouge Legal Aid Society, 1973 - 1977

Member, Board of Directors, City Club of Baton Rouge, 1984 - 1987; President, 1985

Member, American, Louisiana and Baton Rouge Bar Associations

Diplomate, American Board of Trial Advocates

Member, International Association of Defense Counsel

Master, Dean Henry George McMahon Chapter American Inns of Court, January 1993 to present. Elected President for two consecutive two-year terms beginning September, 1999.

Founding Member, Environmental Round Table, Sponsored by Paul M. Hebert Law Center Chancellor John J. Costanis

Certified Civil Mediator, 2004 Louisiana Mediator Registry

Vestryman, St. James Episcopal Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, (four three-year terms). Lay reader

PERSONAL:

I was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on October 21, 1943. On September 14, 1968 I married Susan Dietrich and we have three daughters, Susannah Rolfs Elliott, Charlotte Elizabeth Rolfs, and Ainsley Rolfs Grigsby. My wife and I are members of the St. James Episcopal Church and are active in a number of its ministries.