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Educational Experience

University of Missouri School of Law, Columbia, Missouri
Earned Juris Doctor, May 1991.

Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, Missouri
24 hours toward masters in Communication, 1983-1987.

Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri
BSE in Speech and Theatre Education with Speech and English Certification.

Employment Prior to Beginning Own Law Firm

Carson & Coil, P.C., 515 E. High Street, P.O. Box 28, Jefferson City, MO 65102. 1989-2001 (Shareholder and officer since 1996).

Carthage High School, Box 38, Carthage, MO 65836
Speech and English instructor and Director of Forensics, 1985-1988.

State Fair Community College, Sedalia, MO adjunct Speech and Communication instructor, 1984-1987.

Green Ridge High School, Green Ridge, MO 65332
Speech, Theatre and English instructor and computer coordinator, 1982-1985.

References

Dr. Donald M. Claycomb, President, Linn State Technical College, One Technology Drive, Linn, Missouri 65051.

John Landwehr, Cook, Vetter, Doerhoff & Landwehr, 231 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101. (Mayor of Jefferson City)

Karen L. Massey, 325 Jefferson St., 2nd Floor, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

Carolyn Rackers, Mayor, City of Linn, 1200 East Main Street, P.O. Box 498, Linn, Missouri 65051.

Personal Information

Kent Brown is the father of Kalen and Cameron. He is married to Paula, a Registered Nurse who works as a nurse facilitator for the Jefferson City Schools. He enjoys singing, computers and chess. He has performed on the stage of the Grand Ol' Opry and set fire to a \$1.4 million theater. As a free public service he provides sound, lighting and video equipment and production services to not-for-profit groups and advises such groups regarding equipment purchases.

Legal Experience and Emphasis

During his over a decade of legal service, Mr. Brown has gained extensive experience in administrative law, constitutional law, civil rights law, employment law and insurance defense. Mr. Brown's current emphasis is employment, administrative and public sector law. He currently serves as general counsel for Lincoln University, Linn State Technical College, the Missouri Public Library Directors Association and various cities and also defends various other public entities. He is state-wide insurance defense counsel for VFIS, a Division of Glatfelter Insurance Group, which is a specialty line of insurance serving fire and ambulance districts.

In a ground breaking project, Mr. Brown assisted in drafting rules adopted by the Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan designed to replace breach of contract suits against the agency with contested case proceedings conducted within the agency. Portions of those rules have been sustained and enforced by the Court of Appeals.

Mr. Brown is a trained and certified mediator and a member of the Association of Missouri Mediators.

Professional Honors, Publications and Speaking

Author of "Missouri Library Law: Personnel Law" published by the Missouri State Library in 2007.

Presents the Missouri Bar's Annual Law Update CLE on the subject of Employment Law beginning in 2003.

Past Administrative Law and Constitutional Law editor of the Missouri Bar Courts and CLE Bulletin.

Chair of the Administrative Law Committee of the Missouri Bar Association, 1997 to 2000. Vice-Chair 1996. Chaired the committee during the complete revision of The Missouri Bar Administrative Law CLE Deskbook (two volume set). The introductory chapter which Mr. Brown authored was published by the Bar on its web page.

Wrote and updated various Missouri Bar CLE Deskbook articles dealing with educational law, insurance law, structured settlements, damages, attorney's fees, and contested cases.

Supervised the update to the Missouri Law section of the A.M. Best Digest for over five years.

Extensive research and writing on civil rights topics such as 42 U.S.C. §1985 and §1983, equal protection, due process, parental rights and the rights of public sector employees and students.

Charter member and past President and Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Jefferson City Multi-Cultural Forum. Awarded the Excellence in Diversity Award in 2007. Mr. Brown's production company was also recognized for its service to the Forum in 2007.

Representative Cases

Krentz v. Robertson Fire Protection District, 228 F.3d 897 (8th Cir. 2000). (First federal case holding a public employee lost his right to sue for breach of contract and for denial of Due Process of law if he failed to exhaust his administrative remedies by challenging the termination as a contested case under Chapter 536 RSMo.

Byrd v. Board of Curators, 863 S.W.2d 873 (Mo. banc 1993). (Established doctrine of exhaustion of administrative remedies barred breach of contract suit against state agency in any case where Due Process required a hearing).

State ex. rel Yarber v. McHenry, 915 S.W.2d 325, (Mo. banc 1995). (Recognized fundamental right to education under Missouri law; reversed prior Court of Appeals ruling regarding Due Process of law).

Farm Bureau Town and County Ins. Co. of Missouri v. Angoff, 909 S.W.2d 348 (Mo. 1995). (Clearly delineated how and when state agency enforcement action may be stopped or modified by the courts).

Gill v. Farm Bureau Life Ins. Co., 906 F.2d 1265, 1107 A.L.R. Fed. 675 (8th Cir. 1990). (Leading case on 42 U.S.C. Section 1985(3) Constitutional conspiracy cause of action).

Educational Awards and Recognition

Journal of Dispute Resolution - Most Outstanding Student Comment Award for article entitled "Confidentiality in Mediation."

American Jurisprudence Award for Remedies.

UMC School of Law Dean's List (all semesters during law school).

Board of Advocates.

Negotiation Tournament - Third Place.

First Year Moot Court - Alternate to Finals.

Joseph P. Campelli Memorial Legal Scholarship.

Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers Scholarship, SMSU Alumni Scholarship, and Music Scholarship while at SMSU.

Kappa Delta Pi Honorary Educational Society.

1978 FFA State Champion Extemporaneous Speaker.

Representative Clients

VFIS, A Division of Glatfelter Insurance Group, York, Pennsylvania

American Alternative Insurance Company, Princeton, New Jersey

Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri

Linn State Technical College, Linn, Missouri

Legends Bank, Linn, Missouri

Missouri Public Library Directors Association

City of Linn, Missouri

City of Meta, Missouri

Village of Centertown, Missouri

Over twenty public libraries over the past several years

Various fire and ambulance services over the past several years.