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### **Education:**

**Georgia State University, College of Law**, Atlanta, GA

J.D. *Magna cum laude*, 1998

**Class Rank:** No. 8 of 157

#### **Law School Achievements:**

Georgia State University Law Review – Associate Student Writing Editor; Disciplinary Committee  
❖ 1997-98 Jessup International Law Moot Court Team ❖ Langdale Law Scholarship Recipient ❖  
Best Legislative History “Peach Sheet” Award 1997 ❖ Bleckley Inn of Court, pupil ❖ Outer  
Barristers’ Guild Award ❖ CALI Excellence Awards (top grade in *Constitutional Tort Litigation*,  
*Evidence, Litigation, Georgia Practice and Procedure*, and *Research, Writing & Advocacy*) ❖ Top  
Oralists Award (#13) ❖ Best First Year Brief Competition, Runner Up ❖ Supreme Court of  
Georgia, Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism, Mentoring Program ❖ Who’s Who:  
American Law Students, 16<sup>th</sup> edition

**Georgia State University, College of Communications**, Atlanta, GA

Bachelor of Arts, Journalism, 1989

**G.P.A. 3.94** (of 4.0)

**Honors:** Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society ❖ Golden Key National Honor Society ❖ Mortar  
Board National Honor Society ❖ Dean’s Key Recipient ❖ Dean’s List each semester

**Florida State University, College of Fine Arts**, Tallahassee, FL

Bachelor of Fine Arts, 1983

**G.P.A. 3.5** (of 4.0)

**Honors:** *Cum Laude*, Dean’s List

### **Admitted to Practice:**

Florida; Georgia; the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit; the United States District  
Court, Middle District of Florida

### **Certifications:**

Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator ❖ Florida Supreme Court Certified Appellate  
Mediator ❖ Florida Certified Court-Appointed Arbitrator ❖ Certificate in Residential Mortgage  
Foreclosure Mediation

### **Experience:**

#### **Principal and Shareholder:**

**Porges, Hamlin, Knowles & Hawk, P.A.**, Bradenton, FL. Senior litigator, general civil litigation,  
community association law, real estate litigation, mediation, arbitration, expert witness. March 2004-  
present.

#### **Associate:**

**Lutz, Webb & Bobo, P.A.**, Sarasota and Tallahassee, FL. Practice areas: appellate practice; general  
business, commercial, contract litigation; landlord/tenant litigation; mobile home law; medical malpractice;  
real estate. Sept. 1998-March 2004.

**The Honorable Wendy Shoob**, Fulton County Superior Court Judge, Atlanta, GA. Externship, Fall 1997.

**Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP**, Attorneys at Law, Atlanta, GA. Summer Associate, 1997. (Offered  
Associate position starting Fall 1998, but relocated to Florida).

**The Honorable Justice Carol W. Hunstein**, Supreme Court of Georgia, Atlanta, GA. Externship, Spring 1997.

**Professor Jennifer Chiovaro, et al.** Georgia State University College of Law. Graduate Research Assistant for Research, Writing, and Advocacy Program. Fall and Spring 1997-98.

**Professor Roy Sobelson**, Georgia State University College of Law. Graduate Research Assistant in ethics and lawyer discipline. Summer and Fall 1996.

**Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps**, United States Army, Ft. Gillem, GA. Internship, Summer 1996. One of only 25 first-year law students chosen nationwide for JAG internship.

**Reporter, Editor, The Rockdale Citizen**, Conyers, GA. May 1994-August 1995. Suburban Atlanta daily newspaper. Local government reporter; features editor; Editorial Board.

**Editor, The Marietta Daily Journal and Neighbor Newspapers**, Marietta, GA. February 1992-May 1994. Hired, supervised and trained editorial staff for weekly newspapers.

**Published:**

❖ Mary R. Hawk, Mediation and Arbitration – What You Should Know, The West Florida Wire (March 2009)

❖ Lead Article: Mary R. Hawk, Liability Limbo: Are Incorporated Lawyers in Georgia Really Free From Personal Liability When Their Fellow Shareholders Misbehave?, 15 Ga. St. U. L. Rev. 1047 (1999).

❖ Legislative History "Peach Sheet:" Mary R. Hawk, Conservation and Natural Resources: Interstate Compacts: Allocate Surface Water Resources [between Georgia, Florida and Alabama], 14. Ga. St. U. L. Rev. 47 (1997).

❖ The Docket, Georgia State University College of Law newspaper, contributing writer.

**Selected Reported Opinions:**

Snyder v. City Council of City of Palmetto, 902 So.2d 910 (Fla. 2d DCA 2005)

Malco Industries, Inc. v. Featherock Homeowners' Ass'n., Inc., 854 So.2d 755 (Fla. 2d DCA 2003)

Magnolia Village Homeowners' Ass'n. v. Magnolia Village, Inc., 758 So.2d 1201 (Fla. 5<sup>th</sup> DCA 2000)

Baird v. Camp City of Orlando, Inc., 760 So.2d 285 (Fla. 5<sup>th</sup> DCA 2000)

**Memberships:**

The Florida Bar ❖ The State Bar of Georgia ❖ Sarasota County Bar Association ❖ Manatee County Bar Association ❖ Sarasota and Manatee Chapters of Florida Association for Women Lawyers ❖ Community Associations Institute, West Florida Chapter (firm membership) ❖ Florida Academy of Professional Mediators, Inc.

**Community Service:**

President, Community Associations Institute, West Florida Chapter (2014) ❖ Board Member, Florida Association for Women Lawyers, Manatee Chapter ❖ President, Friends of De Soto National Memorial ❖ Judge, Stetson University College of Law: International Environmental Moot Court Competition; ABA Representation in Mediation Competition; and National Pre-Trial Competition.