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Professional Experience:

Senior Attorney, **Perkins & Associates, L.L.C.**
January, 1999 to present
General practice with emphasis on commercial litigation, recreational defense, professional liability defense, employment litigation, insurance defense, and trucking defense litigation.

Shareholder, **Weems, Schimph, Hayter, Gilsoul & Carmouche (APLC)**, Shreveport, Louisiana.
June, 1992 to January, 1999
Practice with emphasis in commercial litigation
Insurance defense and employment litigation.

Assistant District Attorney, Caddo Parish District Attorney's Office, Shreveport, Louisiana.
March, 1988 through June, 1992
Preparing and litigating felony cases.
Section Chief of Criminal Division Three.

Education:

Juris Doctorate, Law School, Paul M. Herbert Law Center, Louisiana State University, 1987

Bachelor of Arts (Journalism/Public Relations) Magna Cum Laude Northeast Louisiana University, 1983

Additional Experience:

Seminar Speaker:

- Investigating and Defending Mild Traumatic Brain Injuries
- Real Time Technology in Truck/Locomotive Video Evidence
- Preventing, Investigating, Defending Sexual Harassment Claims for the Small Business
- Investigating Bad Faith Claims in the Insurance Industry

- Primer on Family Medical Leave Act
- Violence in the Workplace-Recognizing and Preventing It
- Overview of Fair Labor Standards Act
- The Americans With Disabilities Act: How Assuming a Disability Can Cost you Millions
- Interaction of ADA, FMLA, and Workers' Compensation
- Minimizing Legal Risks for Realtors
- Professional Ethics: Transportation Lawyers Association National Conference 2004
- Real Time Technology in Truck/Locomotive Video Evidence: Transportation Lawyers Association National Conference 2009
- Investigating/Defending Traumatic Brain Injury: Louisiana Claims Assoc. State Conference 2012
- Co-Chair of 2013 Trucking Industry Defense Association Advanced Seminar
- Basic Bodily Injury Investigation 2015

Specialized Education and Experience:

- LSU Moot Court Competition
- LSU Litigation Clinic
- Short Course for Prosecutors in Chicago, Illinois
- LSU Evidence Seminars
- Louisiana District Attorneys Association (LDAA) Evidence Seminars
- LDAA Drug Prosecution
- National Association of District Attorneys (NADA) Trial Advocacy
- Selected for U.S. Attorney General Advocacy Institute (July 16-28, 1990)
- NADA Forensic Evidence
- NADA Prosecution of Violent Assaults
- Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel (LADC) Trial Advocacy
- DRI Brain Damage Institute Seminar
- ABA Mega Conference Semi-Annual Conference
- Defense Research Institute Trucking Law Semi Annual Seminars
- Annual Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA) Seminars
- National Litigation Academy/Alliance Defense Fund

- Transportation Lawyers Association Conferences

Memberships:

- American Bar Association (Employment Law and Transportation Litigation sections)
- Louisiana Bar Association (Employment Litigation and Small Firm sections and serve on Professionalism and Practice Assistance Committees)
- Texas Bar Association
- Shreveport Bar Association
- Federal Western and Middle Districts of Louisiana
- Federal Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- United States Supreme Court
- Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel
- Defense Research Institute (Employment and Transportation sections)
- Trucking Industry Defense Association
- Transportation Lawyers Association
- Past member of North American Transportation Management Institute
- Louisiana Association of Business and Industry
- Former Member of Society of Human Resource Managers
- Former Member of National and Louisiana District Attorneys' Association
- National Private Fleet Council
- Christian Legal Society

Trial Experience (partial list):

- Over thirty (30) jury trials and over 75 bench trials while serving as Assistant District Attorney. Extensive jury and bench trials in civil practice, including the following matters.
- Linda Casciola vs. Keith Melton, d/b/a McDonald's and McDonald's Management Company, (Caddo Parish- defense verdict)
- Stafford Miller vs. Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DeSoto Parish – appellate victory for defense)
- Kerns vs. Old American Insurance Company

- Joyner vs. Davison Transport, Inc. (workers compensation trial)
- Michelle Johnson vs. City of Shreveport, et al. (Caddo Parish – directed verdict)
- Caldwell vs. Rountree Olds-Cadillac Company, Inc.
- Avery Overstreet, Sr. vs. Golden Foods, Inc. (Lincoln Parish- defense verdict)
- James Dotie and Daphne Dotie vs. America’s Favorite Chicken Company, et al (Caddo Parish – directed verdict)
- Joseph D. Martin vs. Davison Transport, Inc., (workers compensation)
- John Maddox, Jr. vs. Anderson Trucking Services, et al
- Ronald Mason vs. CCC Express, Inc., (workers compensation)
- Larry Scott vs Excalibur Investments, Inc. et al
- McHenry Evans and Karen Green vs. Louis Torregrossa, et al
- John A. Taylor vs. Jerry Rugg, et al (federal jury)
- Paul Hughes vs. Albemerle, (federal bench trial)
- Moham vs. Melton Truck Lines (federal jury – defense verdict)
- Conita Jackson v. Troy Williams (Ouachita Parish- defense verdict)
- Hurvey Sweazie, v. State Auto Property and Casualty, (Rapides Parish – defense verdict)

**Complex Litigation Defended/
Resolved Without Trial:**

- Ingalls vs. BWI, (fatality trucking/pedestrian accident)
- Hattie Jackson vs. McElroy Truck Lines. (multi-party trucking accident with brain injuries)
- Natterio Spencer vs. Terry Robertson, et al (trucking litigation)
- Kay Summerville vs. Langston Drilling (night visibility trucking accident causing fatality)
- Merwyn Allen vs. Ceasar R. Arvinger (night visibility trucking accident)
- Ray Williams vs. Gunderson Rail Services, Inc. (racial harassment claim)
- Sanford Smith v. Old Dominion Freight Lines, Inc. (complex litigation using focus groups and mock trial presentations in advance of trial)
- Foster v. Harley Davidson (closed head injury involving complex neuropsychological issues and cutting edge research on malingering)
- Stevens v Old Dominion (RADS allegedly from inhalation of chemicals delivered)
- Mosby v. Averitt Express (closed head injury from trucking accident in East Texas)

Community Involvement:

- Simple Church of Bossier City
- National Litigation Academy/Alliance Defense Fund
- Cross Bayou Walk to Emmaus
- Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation 1991-1992
- Shreveport Bossier Rescue Mission
- Leadership Shreveport-Bossier City
- Celebrate Recovery