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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Appellate/Litigation Attorney/Consultant **2/11- present**

**Consults in litigation to perfect strategy and appeal in pending high profile litigation. Appellate Advocacy and Litigation.*

Political Resource Group LLC

Public interest/Public relations advocate* **2/11-present

JUDGE - ELEVENTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS, OHIO **2005- 2/2011**

**Serves as an intermediate Court Judge with jurisdiction over all state court jurisdictions including post- conviction death penalty and criminal appeals, written over 450 published opinions of criminal and civil appeals.*

**Appointed by Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer as highest ranking member to the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission.*

** Appointed to serve as a Visiting Judge on the Ohio Supreme Court in the death penalty appeal of State v. White, 118 Ohio St.3d 12, 2008-Ohio-1623.*

Elected in November, 2004; six-year term began February 9, 2005.

LITIGATOR SOLE PRACTICE –CRIMINAL/CIVIL AND APPELLATE PRACTICE

1998-2005

**Extensive Civil & Criminal Litigation Practice from Filing, discovery and appeal in both state and Federal Court.*

KRAMER AND NIERMANN LPA

1996-1998

Kramer and Niermann LPA as of January 1, 1998

Kramer & Associates LPA of counsel

**Civil and Criminal defense litigation.*

** Federal, civil rights and employment practice.*

**General practice.*

Housing Advocates

1996-1997

Staff Attorney

** Litigated Housing Discrimination and Lead Paint Cases.*

** Supervised and instructed law students at Cleveland Marshall Law School Housing clinic.*

NATIONAL INTERSTATE COMPANY, Cleveland, Ohio

1994-1995

National Interstate provides property and casualty insurance to the transportation industry in 27 states.

IN HOUSE LITIGATION MANAGER

- * *Managed all facets of company claims litigation.*
- * *Implemented comprehensive litigation management policies.*

CUYAHOGA COUNTY OHIO PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE

1989-1994

High volume Law office with 52 attorneys.

- * *Providing Criminal, Juvenile Custody and Appellate Defense Work.*

Litigation and Appellate Attorney

- * *Sole Case management responsibility for 200 cases annually (arraignment through appeal).*

Law Clerk

- * *Researched and co-authored Appellate Civil and Criminal Briefs in the Eighth District Court of Appeals.*

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

PROGRESSIVE COMPANIES, Cleveland, Ohio

1985-1988

- * *Progressive is a major provider of specialty and property casualty insurance.*

Customer Service Manager

- * *Responsible for operations and customer service in underwriting and collections for 34 direct reports.*

EDUCATION

CLEVELAND-MARSHALL COLLEGE OF LAW, Cleveland, Ohio 44115

August 1987 - May 1990. Juris Doctorate

JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY, Cleveland Ohio

1979 - 1983. Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science.

1983-1984. Master of Arts in Soviet Studies (in progress).

Classroom Language training - Five plus years In Russian and French.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS, PRESENT AND PAST

- * *Ohio Judicial Conference - Member Court Administration Committee and Ad Hoc Committee Community Corrections*
- * *Ohio Judicial Conference Criminal Rules and Procedure Committee*
- * *Ohio Judicial Conference - Court Technology Committee*
- * *Ohio Judicial Conference - Joint sub Committee Court Reporting & Transcripts*
- * *Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission*
- * *American Bar Association*
- * *Cleveland Bar Association*
- * *Board of Governors' Criminal Law Section & Litigation Section*
- * *Lake County Bar Association*

- * *Chairman Board of Zoning Appeals, Highland Heights, Ohio; 1996 to 2002*
- * *Board of Director Greater Cleveland Ecology Association ("GCEA"), 2001*
- * *Advisory Board Western Reserve Nature Conservancy 2010*

LICENSES

Admitted to Ohio Bar, July 1991.

*Admitted to U.S. Northern District, December 1995.
Admitted to U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals, May 1998.
Admitted to U.S. Supreme Court, April 1999.*

EDUCATIONAL /ADVANCED PROGRAMS TRAINING

New Judges Orientation Seminar Part I, December, 2004
Dublin, Ohio
New Judges Orientation, Seminar Part II, March, 2005
Dublin, Ohio

National Foundation for Judicial Excellence (NFJE)
Second Annual Judicial Symposium, July 7-8, 2006,
Third Annual Judicial Symposium, June 29-30, 2007
Fourth Annual Judicial Symposium, July 11-12, 2008
Fifth Annual Judicial Symposium, July 10-11, 2009
Renaissance Hotel, Chicago, Illinois

George Mason Law & Economics
Nature of the Judicial Function, November 3-9, 2006,
Harbourside Resort, Captiva, Florida
Happiness Program, September 18-21, 2008
Grande Colonial Hotel, LaJolla CA.

AEI-BROOKINGS Joint Center for Regulatory Studies
Judicial Education Program, June 11-15, 2007 and May 12-16, 2008
Jurys Washington Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Dwight D. Opperman
Institute of Judicial Administration
New York University School of Law
2008 Appellate Judges Seminar, July 12-17, 2009

Pound Civil Justice Institute, July 25, 2009
Washington, DC
Parc Hotel, San Francisco, CA.

Congressman Steven C. LaTourette
Annual Elected Officials Conference, May 8-9, 2008
Annual Elected Officials Conference, May 14-15, 2009
Washington, DC

PRESENTATIONS/ LECTURERS

*Adjunct professor Kent State University Trumbull 2008- present
Adjunct Professor Business Law, John Carroll University, 1999-2008-Business Law,
Legal Environment of Business
Adjunct professor Lakeland Community College - Domestic Relations 2001
Adjunct Professor Bryant and Stratton College - Criminal Procedure/Civil Procedure*

Introduction to Criminal Law panel view from the bench Week 2006 and 2007
Case Western Reserve Law School. August 24, 2006
Judith Lipton, Professor of Law, Co-Director Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic Center.
Cleveland, OH

American Association for Justice, Student Trial Advocacy Competition,
Final Round, March 1, 2009
Cleveland, OH

Appellate Practice: A View From the Bench in Ohio, March 12, 2009
Lorman Education Services Seminar
Cleveland, OH

The Ohio State University, Michael E. Moritz College of Law
Juvenile Law Symposium, Reinventing Juvenile Law, April 30, and May , 2009
Columbus, OH

Jurisdictionary, Education of Civil Procedure and Litigation, July 7, 2009
Mount Vernon, OH

Cuyahoga County Bar Association, November 19, 2009
Professional, Technology challenges to a constitutionally fair trial

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

For the Record, News for Ohio Courts, Ohio Judicial College – Just What You
Need For 21st
Century Justice - Published First Quarter 2009

Lake Legal Views, Lake County Bar Association - Greetings and salutations for
the New Year, January 2009.

Lake Legal Views, Lake County Bar Association – Professional, January 2010.

For the Record, News for Ohio Courts, Ohio Judicial College – Professional,
Published
First Quarter 2010.