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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Oct. 2003 – present

M. Jason Williams, Attorney at Law, Washington, NC.

*Sole practitioner, handling a variety of civil and criminal legal cases, including family law, criminal law and criminal appeals, Social Security and wills and estates.

*Serving Judicial District 2 (Beaufort, Martin, Washington, Tyrrell and Hyde Counties) as well as Pitt County.

April 2002 – Oct. 2003

Public Defenders Office, Judicial District 3A, Greenville, NC.

Assistant Public Defender

*Represented indigent defendants in criminal cases as appointed by the court. Conducted trials, including jury trials in Superior Court, investigated criminal charges, interviewed witnesses and performed legal research.

July 2001 – April 2002

Pamlico Sound Legal Services, New Bern, NC.

Managing Attorney

*Supervised the work of a staff attorney and two paralegals, in addition to carrying my own caseload of general civil cases.

*Handled office management tasks and routine administrative matters.

Feb. 1998 – July 2001

Staff Attorney

*Handled a wide variety of civil cases, in a range of areas including domestic violence/ family law, Social Security and public benefits, housing, employment, wills and estates and consumer law.

*Argued cases in Small Claims, District and Superior Court, represented clients in countless administrative hearings in various fora. Argued one case before the North Carolina Court of Appeals, Bowen v. North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, July 1999.

Nov. 1997 – Feb. 1998

Volunteer Attorney

*Volunteered for three months with Pamlico Sound Legal Services, assisting another staff attorney with domestic violence cases as well as conducting general legal research.

May 1996 – Aug. 1996

Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, Washington DC.

Legal Intern

Conducted general legal research; wrote several articles for media law publications; wrote Comment to Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals regarding allowing media to record oral argument.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Beaufort County Community College, Washington, NC.

*With Charlotte Alexander, helped design an internet-based course, Social Work Law, spring semester 2002, using Blackboard program.

Legal Services of North Carolina, Raleigh, NC.

*Served as instructor for several Task Force (CLE) meetings of the member programs of Legal Services of North Carolina in the areas of Social Security and public benefits law. Most recently taught “Public Benefits for Non-Lawyers” at Legal Services retreat in December 2001.

EDUCATION

August 1994-May 1997

University of Florida College of Law, Gainesville, Florida.

Juris Doctor, May 1997

*Admitted to North Carolina State Bar, September 1997.

August 1990-May 1994

East Carolina University, Greenville, NC

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration May 1994

Graduated *summa cum laude* and with honors

**COMMUNITY AND
PROFESSIONAL
AFFILIATIONS**

*Member, Pitt County Bar Association.

*Attorney-Advisor, Ayden-Grifton High School – Organize and coach Wade Edwards Mock Trial team yearly 1999-present.

*Member, Affordable Housing Loan Committee – City of Greenville committee charged by City Council with distributing community block grant and other funds.

*Member, Greenville Greenways Committee – City of Greenville committee charged with advising City Council on issues relating to greenways and green spaces.

*Volunteer Judge, Pitt County Teen Court

*Volunteer, Greenville Community Shelter – through St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, I prepare and serve meals to the homeless once a month.

*Mentor to college students in ECU’s pre-law academic fraternity

**SCHOLARLY
PUBLICATIONS**

“The Newest Draftees in the Government’s War on Drugs – Low Income Grandparents: A Legal and Rhetorical Analysis of *Department of Housing and Urban Development v. Rucker*” Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law & Policy, Summer 2003. (with Michael A. Cavanagh)