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**EXPERIENCE:**

Concentrated experience in personal injury-wrongful death cases, complex commercial and business litigation, construction litigation and insurance coverage disputes.

“AV” rated, Martindale-Hubbell.

**EMPLOYMENT:**

VOCELLE & BERG, L.L.P., Vero Beach, Florida. Senior Partner.

**EDUCATION:**

Legal: Florida State University College of Law, J.D. with honors, 1982.

Undergraduate: Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. B.A. 1978.

**COURT ADMISSIONS:**

Florida: 10/29/82

United States District Court, Middle District of Florida: 12/2/82

United States Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit: 6/16/83

United States District Court, Southern District of Florida General Bar: 11/22/83

Supreme Court of the United States: 2/24/86

United States District Court, Southern District of Florida Trial Bar: 3/10/89

**BOARD CERTIFICATIONS:**

**Board Certified Civil Trial lawyer**, The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education.

**Board Certified Business Litigator**, The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education.

**Certified Circuit Court Arbitrator**, Supreme Court of Florida.

## **AFFILIATIONS:**

American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)  
Florida Trend's Legal Elite-Top Lawyers in Florida (2009, 2011)  
Super Lawyers of Florida 2005-Present  
Million Dollar Advocates Forum  
Florida Bar (Trial Lawyers' Section)  
American College of Barristers  
Order of Barristers  
Florida Justice Association  
American Justice Association  
American Bar Association  
Indian River County Bar Association

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Florida Bar Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer: 1990 - Present  
Florida Bar Board Certified Business Litigation Lawyer: 1996 - Present  
Florida Bar Board of Governors: 1995 – 2003  
Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education: 2004 –2010 (Chair 2009-2010)  
Special Counsel, Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education 2010 - 2011

### **Florida Bar Board of Governors' Committees:**

Board Review Committee on Professional Ethics and Advertising (1995, 1997, 1999, 2000)  
Certification Plan Appeals Committee (Chair 1996-2000, 2002-2003)  
Disciplinary Review Committee (1995, 1998)  
Communications Committee (2002)  
Rules Committee (1996)  
Judicial Evaluation Committee (1996)  
Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee (1998-2003)  
Mediation Committee (1998)  
Special Committee on Insurance Practices (Vice-Chairman) (1999-2000)  
Special Commission on Insurance Practices II (2001-2002)  
Constitutional Revision Committee (Article III and Article V)  
Florida Bar Speakers' Bureau  
Grievance Mediation Committee

### **Florida Bar Board of Governors' Liaison:**

Professional Ethics Committee (1995-1997)  
Wills, Trusts and Estate Certificate Committee (1995)  
Aviation Law Committee (1998)  
Aviation Law Certification Committee (1997)  
Civil Procedure Rules Committee (1999)  
Civil Trial Law Certification Committee (1998)

## **BAR SECTIONS AND ACTIVITIES:**

The Florida Bar Professional Ethics Committee: 1984-1995; 2003 – 2004 (Chair 1988 -1990)  
Indian River County Bar Association Pro Bono Chairman: 1985 -1987  
Florida Rural Legal Services Board of Directors: 1986 -1987  
The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division, Board of Governors: 1989-1990  
Supreme Court Judicial Management Council of Florida: 1989 - 2003  
Chairman of The Florida Bar 19th Judicial Circuit Nominating Committee: 1993 -1994  
19th Judicial Circuit of Florida Grievance Committee B: 1993 -1995; 2004 – 2009  
Designated Reviewer-19th Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee: 1995 - 2003  
Business Litigation Certification Committee: 2003 – 2004  
Board of Legal Specialization and Education: 2004 – 2010 (Chair 2009-2010)  
Board of Legal Specialization and Education Executive Committee: 2006 – 2010  
Special Counsel, Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education 2010 – 2011  
Code & Rules of Evidence Committee 2011-2013

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Florida: 10/29/82  
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United States District Court, Southern District of Florida General Bar: 11/22/83  
Supreme Court of the United States: 2/24/86  
United States District Court, Southern District of Florida Trial Bar: 3/10/89

## **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

Indian River County Volunteer Ambulance Squad, Board of Directors: 1984-1986  
President of Indian River County Volunteer Ambulance Squad: 1985 -1986  
Indian River Community College Foundation, Board of Directors: 1988-1996  
Rotary International: Vero Beach Sunrise Club, President 2015-2016  
Assistant Scout Leader, Boy Scout Troop #567, Vero Beach, FL: 1998-2001  
Indian River Academy Charter School, Board of Directors (2000)  
Angel Flight - Volunteer Pilot: 2000 - Present  
Air Lifeline - Volunteer Pilot: 2000 - Present  
Vero Beach Airport Commission: 2012 - Present  
Indian River County Mosquito Control District Commission, Seat 3: 2017 – Present (Chair 2019)

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

"Offers of Judgment, Demands for Judgment and Offers of Settlement: Who's on First?" The Florida Bar Journal, March 1988.

## **OUTLINES AND LECTURES PRESENTED:**

May 19 - 20, 1988:

*The Rules (and Gamesmanship) for Successful use of Offers of Settlement and Judgment, Demands for Judgment and Offers of Settlement*, Sponsor, The Trial Lawyers Section of The

Florida Bar, Lecture and Outline, Presented, May 19, 1988, Miami, Florida, May 20, 1988  
Tampa, Florida

**OUTLINES AND LECTURES PRESENTED (cont'd.):**

March 19, 1991:

*Bridge the Gap-Discipline and Ethics*, Lecture and Outline, Sponsored by The Young Lawyers Division, The Florida Bar, presented West Palm Beach, Florida.

June 26, 1992:

*Ethics Seminar: Avoiding Grievance and Malpractice Liability-Hot Topics in Ethics*, Lecture and Outline, Seminar Sponsor, The Florida Bar, presented Orlando, Florida.

August 17, 1995:

*Basic Commercial Litigation - Selected Issues on Ethics and Professionalism in Litigation*, Outline prepared jointly with Martin Earl Rice, Seminar Sponsor, The Florida Bar, presented Miami, Florida.

April 21, 1996:

*Current Issues for the General, Solo and Small Firm Practitioner - Personal Injury Litigation for the General Practitioner; Commercial Litigation for the General Practitioner; Hot Topics in Ethics: A Practitioner's View-Next Stop Malpractice Liability*, Seminar Sponsor, The Florida Bar - General Practice Section, Lecture and Outline presented Cancun, Mexico.

July 1, 1997:

*Professionalism, The Public and You*, Sponsor, 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Bench-Bar Committee, Panel Discussion Member, Port St. Lucie, Florida.

April 27 - 28, 2000:

*Basic Commercial Litigation - Selected Issues on Ethics and Professionalism in Litigation*, Lecture, Outline prepared jointly with Martin Earl Rice, Esquire, Seminar Sponsor, The Florida Bar, presented Miami, Florida, April 27, 2000, and Tampa, Florida, April 28, 2000.

July 1, 2002:

*Exploring Our British Connections - An Excursion Seminar*, Lecture only. Selected Topics on Ethics and Litigation for the General Practitioner, London, England.

September, 19, 2008:

*MASTERS IN TRIAL - A Trial Demonstration in an Automotive Product Liability Case from Opening statements to Jury Deliberations*. Participant and Panel Member (Cross Examination of the Plaintiff). Sponsor, American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), Knoxville, TN

**PERSONAL:**

Married, 2 children.

Instrument rated private pilot.