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EDUCATION

B.A. Stanford University, 1979
J.D. University of Kansas School of Law, 1982

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Kansas, 1982
Missouri, 1993
United States District Court, District of Kansas, 1982
United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit, 1991

EMPLOYMENT**Jay Daugherty Mediation and Arbitration, Kansas City, Mo. 2022-present**

As a **mediator/arbitrator**, brings decades of experience from both a judge's and litigator's perspective to the practice of dispute resolution.

Johnson County District Court, 2013-2022

As **District Court Judge**, Division 11, presided over 6,000 civil cases, including professional malpractice, personal injury, construction, real estate and business disputes, as well as condemnation cases, administrative appeals, and domestic disputes. Conducted jury and bench trials, mediations, and presided over numerous cases of complex litigation.

Law Offices of Daniel P. Hansen, 1999-2013

As **Senior Trial Counsel**, represented Travelers' insureds in trucking, product liability, and municipal-public sector litigation. Defended businesses and individuals in negligence and civil rights actions. Provided early and accurate case evaluation and developed detailed case specific strategies. Engaged in mediation, alternative dispute resolution, and motion and trial practice. As a **principal member of the Major Suit Resolution Unit**, analyzed and negotiated settlements in high exposure cases in the Chicago region.

Law Offices of Paul C. Gurney, 1993-1999

As **Managing Attorney** of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Staff Counsel Office, handled a variety of general liability cases to favorable conclusions in jury and bench trials in Kansas and Missouri. Participated extensively in both mediations and binding arbitrations.

Holbrook Heaven & Fay 1996-1993

As an associate, and **partner** (1989-1993), practiced in the area of liability defense, with varied and extensive trial experience in state and federal courts as well as mediation, arbitration and negotiation. Represented individual physicians, professional groups, and medical centers in liability, contract, personnel, accreditation, insurance, state and federal regulation, medical staff relations, and risk management. Represented individuals, businesses, school districts, and other governmental entities in personal injury, civil rights and contract cases.

Wyandotte County Kansas, 1990-1991

As **County Counselor**, advised the Board of County Commissioners on legal issues. Represented the Board in cases involving legislative authority, taxation, personnel policies, and contracts.

Kansas Department of Transportation, 1983-1986

As **Staff Attorney**, prepared contracts, and negotiated, litigated and mediated contract disputes. Defended tort claims cases, including wrongful death and significant injury cases throughout the state. Testified before legislative committees on issues affecting the department.

SEMINARS PRESENTED

Sponsor: National Business Institute

Subject: *Mistakes in Litigation*

Subject: *Civil Litigation Strategies*

Sponsor: Johnson county Bar Association

Subject: *Expert Witness/Daubert Standards*

Subject: *Jury Selection*

Subject: *Navigating Discovery Disputes*

Subject: *Perspectives From the Bench*

Sponsor: American Inn of Court

Subject: *Fourth Amendment/Canine Searches*

Subject: *Discovery Abuse-An Intervention (President's Award for Best Program)*

Sponsor: Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association

Subject: *T.R.O. And Injunctive Relief*

Sponsor: Travelers Insurance Company

Subject: *Overview and Update of Case Law*

Sponsor: Professional Education Systems, Inc.

Subject: *Nursing Home Negligence Cases*

(Presentations in Orlando, Las Vegas, and Kansas City)

Sponsor: Avila University and William Jewel College

Subject: *Medical/Legal Issues in Nursing, Liability, and State and Federal Regulation*

Sponsor: Kansas Board of Regents (Kansas University Medical Center)

Subject: *Employment Issues, State and Federal Regulations, Risk Management*

Sponsor: American Association of independent Hospitals

Subject: *Medical/Legal Issues*

(Presentations to several community hospitals in Kansas and Missouri)

CIVIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Johnson County Bar Association

Kansas Bar Association

Earl E. O'Connor American Inn of Court

Wyandot Mental Health, Past Board President
Kansas City , Kansas Chamber of Commerce, Past Legal Counsel
Johnson County District Court
 Chair of the Civil Department
 Member of the Executive, Judicial Allocation, Courthouse Security,
 and Court Administrator Selection Committees
 Member of the Pandemic Response Team
 Member of the Financial Audit Task Force
 Coordinator of Summer Judicial Internship Program for KU and UMKC law students.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Boy Scouts of America, Leawood Troop 10
 Adult Leadership and Merit Badge Instructor
 Tribe of Mic-O Say
Waterford Homes Association, Past President
Blue Valley Recreation, Basketball and Baseball Coach
Johnson County Developmental Supports

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Married for 35 years to Renee Markl Gurney
Children: Caroline, Madeleine, William, and Thomas