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WALTER JOHNSON

EXPERIENCE

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Position: Assistant Public Defender

Responsibilities and Major Concentration: From July 1992 until December 1999 and from September 1999 until September 30, 2017. Chief trial counsel in the Criminal Courts for Roane, Loudon, Morgan, and Meigs counties. This includes numerous jury and non-jury trials, including First Degree Murder, Child Rape, Aggravated Rape, Especially Aggravated Kidnapping, Attempted First Degree Murder, Aggravated Assault, Aggravated Burglary, numerous thefts, drug cases, DUI's and other lesser charges. Served as appellate counsel for the office of the Public Defender. As such, I prepared all written materials including motions, affidavits, and briefs, and argued cases in both the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals and the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Dates of Employment: **July 20, 1992 to December 1, 1999 and from September 20, 1999 until September 30, 2017.**

RITCHIE & JOHNSON, PLC,

Position: Partner/Shareholder

Responsibilities and Major Concentration: Corporate, Commercial, Banking, Bankruptcy, and Securities Law concentrations arising primarily in representation of commercial lenders and debtors in business bankruptcies. This includes concentration in Articles 2,3,4,5,8 and 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code and its relationship with the United States Bankruptcy Code.

Dates of Employment: **December 1, 1998 through September 19, 1999.**

RITCHIE, WISE & REEVES, P.C.

Position: Associate Attorney

Responsibilities and Major Concentration: Corporate, Commercial, Banking, Bankruptcy, and Securities Law concentrations arising primarily in representation of commercial lenders and debtors in business bankruptcies. This includes concentration in Articles 2,3,4,5,8 and 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code and its relationship with the United States Bankruptcy Code.

Dates of Employment: **July 22, 1988 through July 2, 1992.**

JOHNSON AND JOHNSON

Position: Attorney

Responsibilities and Major Concentration: General practice concentrating on consumer rights, personal injury litigation, criminal defense, workers compensation, and commercial litigation.

Dates of Employment: **October 17, 1984 through July 21, 1988.**

Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating: AV

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, Doctor of Jurisprudence, June 1984, with High Honors.

Class Standing **4 of 160** for June 1984 graduates and **4 of 190** for academic year of 1984 graduates.

Awards

American Jurisprudence Book Award for Criminal Law, June 1982.

American Jurisprudence Book Award for Contracts, June 1982.

American Jurisprudence Book Award for Civil Procedure, June 1982.

American Jurisprudence Book Award for Administrative Law, June 1983.

American Jurisprudence Book Award for Constitutional Law, June 1983.

American Jurisprudence Book Award for Labor Law, June 1984.

Honor Society

Order of the Coif, University of Tennessee, College of Law, July 1984.

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, Bachelor of Arts, History, August 1981, with High Honors.

Honor Societies

Phi Beta Kappa, University of Tennessee, May 1981.

Phi Kappa Phi, University of Tennessee, May 1981.

ROANE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Associate of Science in General Studies, March 1980, Magna Cum Laude.

Honor Society

Gamma Beta Phi, Roane State Community College, March, 1980.

MILITARY

Retired Master Sergeant Tennessee Air National Guard. Former Superintendent of 572 Air Force Band, Air National Guard Band of the Smoky Mountains.

AWARDS & DECORATIONS

Air Force Commendation Medal, 1974 - 1978.

Air Force Commendation Medal, 1st Oak Leaf Cluster, June 1979 -
September 1979.

Air Force Achievement Medal, Outstanding Achievement, 1986.

Meritorious Service Medal, 2002 - 2005.

Meritorious Service Medal, 1st Oak Leaf Cluster 2005 - 2012