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## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

- Excellent written, verbal, and interpersonal communication skills, with a proven record as an excellent independent thinker and team player to advance client goals.
- Living in the Middle East for ten years and traveling extensively through five of seven continents, I have "real world" experience with many different cultures that uniquely translates into the ability to effectively deal with competing cultures in business, legal, and political environments.
- Working as an attorney with five years experience specializing in business and commercial transactions, I have assisted numerous governmental and business clients in the acquisition of economic development grants and designed the complex transactional scenarios to aid in the growth and creation of business.
- Creating several environmental, political, and educational non-profit corporations and limited liability companies, I have successfully ushered new non-profits through the complex maze of 501(c)(3) certification.
- Working in politics for ten years, I have worked on and managed several local, state, and federal races throughout the nation.
- An energetic and motivated self-starter, I have served as a political blogger for MSNBC and have subsequently provided political insight and commentary for MSNBC, CNN, and a host of national radio programs. In addition, I have given several professional lectures on running political campaigns and compliance with election law in the state of Georgia.
- Member, Board of Directors of RedState.org, Inc., a 527 Organization. I also act as Secretary to the Corporation.

## EXPERIENCE

**Associate Attorney, Sell & Melton, LLP, Macon, Georgia** **2000-Present**

In the 2004 season, I served as lead political consultant on five races (two local, two state, and one federal) winning four of the five races. I have participated in political races in California, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Virginia in addition to international political consulting. As a transactional and elections attorney, I have assisted candidates for office with campaign finance compliance. Representing various governmental and business interests, I have incorporated businesses, guided non-profits through the 501(c)(3) process, developed plans and contracts for the acquisition of government development bonds, drafted numerous contracts for business, banking, and real estate transactions, and successfully advised numerous businesses of varying types and sizes.

**Law Clerk, Sell & Melton, LLP, Macon, Georgia** **1998-2000**

As a law clerk, I assisted in client development and relations, developed lawsuits, and assisted in deposition and trial preparations.

**Coalitions Coordinator, Saxby Chambliss for Congress, Macon, Georgia** **1994-1998**

Working through a college internship program for the campaign of then Congressman Saxby Chambliss, I assisted in fundraising and press relations for the campaign. My primary role was in development of grassroots coalitions to assist the campaign in volunteer and get out the vote exercises.

**Intern, Office of Senator Paul Coverdell, Macon, Georgia**

**1996**

For course credit, I worked two semesters in the Macon office of Senator Paul Coverdell. Duties included constituent assistance, daily press clippings, and schedule maintenance for the local office coordinator.

**EDUCATION**

J.D., Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, 2000.

Certificate of Legal Writing, Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, 2000.

B.A., Political Science & History, *Cum Laude*, Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, 1997.

**PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- 2005: Writer & Presenter, "Parliamentary Procedure for Non-Profit Organizations," Non-Profit Programming, one hour presentation on basic parliamentary procedure for non-profit organizations.
- 2005: Writer & Presenter, "Medical Malpractice Caps Under Georgia's New Tort Reform," Georgia Continuing Legal Education, thirty minute discussion on one aspect of Georgia's 2005 Tort Reform Law.
- 2005: Contributor, *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court*, Facts on File, 2005.
- 2004-2005: Political blogger for MSNBC blogging the 2004 election and 2005 Presidential Inauguration; provided on and off air political insight and commentary for MSNBC, CNN, NRA News, and several local and nationally syndicated radio programs.
- 2003, 2004: Writer & Presenter, "The Nuts and Bolts of Georgia Election Law," Georgia Continuing Legal Education Program, four hour presentation on the laws affecting local, state, and federal political campaigns in the State of Georgia.
- 2000: Editor, 2nd Ed., "How to Conduct an Election in Georgia," Office of the Secretary of State.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- 2004: Leadership Institute, "Campaign Leadership School."
- 2004: NBI, "Advanced Asset Protection."
- 2004: Lorman, "Creation of LLC's in Georgia."
- 2003: NBI, "Counseling the Small Business Client in Georgia."
- 2003: Republican National Lawyers Association, "2003 Election Law School."
- 2002: Leadership Institute, "Youth Leadership School."
- 1999: Leadership Institute, "Grassroots Activist School."

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- American Bar Association
- Georgia Bar Association
- Macon Bar Association
- American Association of Political Consultants
- Federalist Society
- Republican National Lawyers Association
- America's Future Foundation

**References Available Upon Request**