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## **EDUCATION**

University of Missouri-Kansas  
City School of Law, J.D., 1984

Southeast Missouri State  
University, B.A., Political  
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## Publications

- Co-author, *Exempt Property, Family Allowance, Homestead and Election to Take Against the Will*, Chapter 8, Missouri Estate Administration Deskbook, Fifth Edition

## Professional Affiliations

- The Missouri Bar, Probate Committee
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## Honors

- Order of the Bench and Robe
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