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**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

Ph.D.: Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, December, 1983.

Major: Speech Communication

Minor: Journalism

M.A.: Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, May, 1979.

Major: Speech Communication

B.S.: Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, August, 1977.

Major: Speech Communication

Minor: Political Science

**PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION**

Advertising Ethics & Legality Certification. Better Business Bureau, Local Advertising Review Program. Augusta, Georgia. 1988.

Certificate of Completion. Health Information Privacy Policy Act. Albuquerque, NM. 2016.

**TEACHING**

The Role of Communication in the Practice of Law;

Indiana University, Fall 1982

`Augusta College, Fall 1990

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Books**

*The Role of Communication in the Practice of Law*. Lanham, Maryland: University Press, July, 1999.

**Refereed Articles**

“The Paradoxical Nature of Litigation Public Relations,” *Public Relations Quarterly.* **48**:1 (Spring 2003), 32-4.

“Litigation Public Relations Problems and Limits,” *Public Relations Review.* **25**:4(Fall 1999), 215-233. With Mariposa Padilla.

“Foundation Assumptions of Litigation Public Relations,” *Public Relations Quarterly.* **42**:2 (Spring 1998), 9-23.

“Constitutional and Communication Implications of Attorney Advertising.” Accepted for special issue of *Public Relations Review* on legal aspects of public relations, but not used. (1989).

“Legal Education and Communication Skills,” *Legal Studies Forum.* **9:**3 (1985), 329-4.

**CONVENTION PRESENTATIONS**

“Litigation Public Relations Problems & Limits,” National Communication Association Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, November, 1999.

“Litigation Public Relations: Communication Dimensions,” National Communication Association Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, November, 1999.

“Litigation Public Relations Problems and Limits,” National Communication Association Annual Convention, New York, NY, November, 1998.

“Communication Variables in Litigation Public Relations,” National Communication Association Annual Convention, New York, NY, November, 1998.

Chair, “Legal Communication Education Systems and Strategies,” National Communication Association Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, November, 1997.

“Communication Considerations of Litigation Public Relations,” National Communication Association Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, November, 1997.

Roundtable Participant, “Litigation Consulting Roundtable: Ideas and Issues,” Speech Communication Association Annual Convention, San Diego, CA, November, 1996.

“Reliability Issues in Legal Communication Research,” Speech Communication Association Annual Convention, San Diego, CA, November, 1996.

“Rhetorical Solutions to Rhetorical Problems: Public Relations or Advertising for Attorney Image Improvement?” Southern States Communication Association Annual Convention, Memphis, TN, March, 1996.

Respondent, “Top Papers in Communication and Law,” Speech Communication Association Annual Convention, San Antonio, TX, November, 1995. I also chaired this panel.

Chair, “Competing in the New Marketplace,” American Society of Trial Consultants Annual Convention, Albuquerque, NM, May, 1995.

“Public Relations in Attorney Image Restoration and Client Development,“ International Communication Association Annual Convention, Albuquerque, NM, May, 1995.

“Values in Legal Communication: Ethics, Education and Exigencies,” Speech Communication Association Annual Convention, Miami, FL, November, 1993.

Moderator, “Language in the Courtroom,” Speech Communication Association Annual Convention, Miami, FL, November, 1993.

Moderator, “Persuasion in Legal Contexts,” Speech Communication Association Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, November, 1992.

Moderator, “Legal Communication Issues Panel,” Speech Communication Association Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, November, 1992.

“Attorney Communication Competence: Survey Perspectives,” Speech Communication Association Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA, November, 1991.

“Legal Education and Communication Skills,” Southern States Communication Association Annual Convention, Birmingham, AL, April, 1990.

“Practical and Constitutional Implications of Legal Advertising,” Southern Speech Communication Association Annual Convention, Louisville, KY, April, 1989.

Moderator, “A Cross-Disciplinary Perspective on Alienation and Reconciliation: Speech Communication and Legal Studies,” American Legal Studies Association Convention, Philadelphia, PA, November, 1986.

“Legal Communication Research: A Self-Report of Attorney Communication Competence,” American Legal Studies Association Convention, Philadelphia, PA, November, 1986.

“Legal Advertising,” American Legal Studies Association Convention, Philadelphia, PA, November, 1986.

**EDITORIAL POSITIONS**

Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Communication Law Policy*, 2002.

Associate Editor, *Communication Law Review*, 1998.

Manuscript Reviewer, Commission on Communication and the Law, Speech Communication Association, 1994.

**OFFICES IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

President and Chief Operating Officer, DCG Enterprises, 2016-Present.

`Named to Board of Directors, Southwest Organic Producers. 2014.

Named to International Advisory Board, Nordriego: The Nordic Centre for Spatial Development, November, 2007.

Chair, Communication and Law Commission, Speech Communication Association, 1993.

Vice-Chair, Communication and Law Commission, Speech Communication Association, 1992.

Vice-Chair-Elect, Communication and Law Commission, Speech Communication Association, 1991.

Chair, Local Advertising Review Program, Augusta, GA, 1987.

**MEDIA INTERVIEWS**

Interviewed by Kris Axtman on Litigation Public Relations, *Christian Science Monitor,* February, 2005.