JAMES F. HOPF

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CAREER SUMMARY

Accomplished attorney with thirty years of experience handling a variety of complex litigation and business related issues and disputes. Extensive hands-on involvement in managing, organizing, assimilating, problem-solving, negotiating and advocating, as well as operations oversight, troubleshooting and management. Respected leader with proven ability to supervise, build consensus and direct others in order to achieve specific and tangible targets and goals.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2010 - Present LAW OFFICES OF JAMES F. HOPF, PLLC

Greenville, North Carolina Owner/Sole Proprietor

Legal practice concentrating on business matters and complex civil litigation, including business consulting and management, land use and zoning matters, construction disputes, environmental & contamination issues and condemnation/eminent domain. Appearances before state, county and municipal agencies, commissions, councils & boards. General legal counseling, operational oversight and management assistance for businesses, investment groups and community non-profits.

2004 - 2010 **HOPF & HIGLEY, P.A.**

Greenville, North Carolina Owner/Managing Partner

Civil trial and business practice concentrating on complex litigation and business matters, including environmental and contamination issues, construction disputes, land use and zoning, and condemnation/eminent domain. Managing partner responsible for day-to-day office management, oversight and planning. Appearances before state and local government commissions, councils & boards. General legal counseling, development and management for various businesses, investment groups and community non-profits. Negotiation of business disputes, long-term leases and land-use issues. Mediations and arbitrations in capacity as court certified mediator.

1995 - 2004 LAW OFFICES OF JAMES F. HOPF

Greenville, North Carolina Owner/Sole Proprietor

Civil trial practice concentrating in environmental litigation, toxic torts and contamination issues. Lead counsel in environmental contamination/toxic tort cases. Mediations and arbitrations of civil cases in capacity as court certified mediator. Provided legal counsel concerning environmental regulations and standards in broad range of business transactions.

1990-1995 LAW OFFICES OF MARVIN BLOUNT, JR.

Greenville, North Carolina

Associate/Partner

Civil trial practice concentrating in environmental and toxic tort litigation. Managed daily caseload of litigation cases; conducted all pre-trial preparations and investigations, including witness identification and interviews, extensive written and deposition discovery, and expert witness retention and preparations; handled all matters to conclusion through jury verdict or settlement. Responsible for supervision of general law firm business operations and management, including clerical and paralegal personnel and daily office functions.

1986-1990 SMITH, ANDERSON, BLOUNT, DORSETT, MITCHELL & **JERNIGAN**

Raleigh, North Carolina Associate

Civil trial practice – insurance defense and environmental superfund litigation; Managed and assisted all aspects of pre-trial case preparations, including written and deposition discovery; handled files to conclusion through trial or settlement.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS & ADMISSIONS

Certified Mediator, N.C. Administrative Office of the Courts, 1996 - present

Bar Admissions: North Carolina State Courts

> U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of N.C. U.S. District Court for the Middle District of N.C.

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

PROFESSIONAL HONORS & MEMBERSHIPS

AV Preeminent Legal Rating - Martindale Hubbell

Best Lawyers in America – 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

Legal Elite, Business North Carolina – 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2014

Super Lawyers, North Carolina – 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013

Who's Who in American Law

Distinguished Alumni Award, Campbell University

Member, North Carolina Bar Association

Member, American Bar Association

Member, Pitt County Bar Association

Past Chairman, Environmental Ethics Committee of the Environmental & Natural Resources Section of North Carolina Bar Association

Past Chairman, Consumer Areas of Practice Section, North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers

Past State Captain for North Carolina - Section on Toxic, Environmental and Pharmaceutical Torts, Association of Trial Lawyers of America

EDUCATION

Legal UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Juris Doctorate, May 1986

Undergraduate CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY, Buies Creek, North Carolina

B.A. Government, Summa Cum Laude, May 1983

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Chair, Mid-East Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council Vice-chair, Pitt County Educational Foundation

Legal Counsel – Ocracoke Island Foundation & Board of Directors

Board of Directors, Alumni Association, Campbell University

Pamlico-Tar River Foundation, Life Member

Pitt County Board of Education Member (1996-2002)

Communities in Schools of Pitt County, Past Chair & Board Member

Greenville Little League, Past President, Vice President & Executive Board Member Elmhurst Elementary PTA, Past President, Vice President & Executive Board Member

First Baptist Church, Farmville, North Carolina

Chair, Board of Trustees

Leader, Disaster Relief & Handyman Ministries

Board Member, Henry D. Johnson Memorial Fund

Sunday School teacher