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Education:

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY COLLEGE OF LAW, Lexington, KY.
J.D., May 2004. Admitted to the KY Bar Association, October 2004.

Honors and Activities

- Moot Court Board, 2002-2004. Oral Advocacy Committee Chair, 2003
- Best Oral Argument, Spring 2002

UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH, Sewanee, TN.
B.A., American History, Cum Laude, May 2001.

Minor: Philosophy

Honors and Activities

- Order of Gownsmen- Academic Honor Society, 1999-2001
- Phi Alpha Theta- National History Honors Society, 2000
- Phi Sigma Tau- National Philosophy Honors Society, 2000
- Tonya Scholarship Recipient- Politics and Government Scholarship, 2000
- Student Assembly, 1997-1998
- Arcadians- Official Campus Tour Guides, 1999-2001
- Phi Kappa Epsilon Sorority, 1998-2001.
- Pledge Trainer, 1999-2000; Intramural Sport Chair, 2000-2001.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY, St. John's College, Oxford, England.
British Studies at Oxford, 1999.

SAYRE SCHOOL, Lexington KY
College Preparatory, With Honors, 1997

Employment:

Co-Founder, Co-Owner of Terra Firma Construction, LLC., Lexington, KY;
April 2021-Present. Providing the best in general contracting services, specializing in custom residential homebuilding, renovation, and farm construction in Kentucky.

Founder, Managing Member of Knox Consulting, LLC., Lexington, KY;
October 2020-Present. Providing the best in project management, advocacy, and organization optimization consulting services to non-profit, for-profit, and trade association businesses in Central Kentucky and beyond.

General Counsel of Mt. Brilliant Farm and Boone Creek LLC., Lexington, KY;
November 2017-August 2020. Manage land-use activities and legal issues for Mt. Brilliant Farm operations. Advance the property acquisition and development objectives of the Goodman family real-estate investment company, Boone Creek LLC.

Special Policy Assistant to Mr. Mark D. Birdwhistell, Vice President for Administration and External Affairs at UK HealthCare, Lexington, KY;
August 2016-November 2017. Promoted a comprehensive behavioral health strategy for opioid use disorders through policy, education, and community outreach initiatives at the University of Kentucky and beyond.

Senior Director of Philanthropy at UK HealthCare, Lexington, KY;
January 2016-November 2017. Advanced the strategic priorities of UK HealthCare through major gift fundraising; program management; leadership engagement; and community outreach. Areas of focus included the Gill Heart Institute, Integrative Medicine and Health, the Markey Cancer Center, and the Arts in HealthCare programs.

Founding Executive Director of the Fayette Alliance, Lexington, KY; (www.fayettealliance.com);
May 2006-January 2016. Lobbied for smart-growth planning and zoning policies in Lexington-Fayette County, Kentucky. Also performed executive duties including fundraising and development, media communications and branding, board governance, and staff management of 501 (C) 4 and 501 (c) 3 branches of organization. At conclusion of tenure,

Fayette Alliance had successfully ushered over one hundred land-use policies into law; secured an annual budget exceeding \$1 million dollars; and gained over twenty thousand members and supporters in Lexington-Fayette County.

Honors

- Lexington Young Professional Association “Rising Star” Award, 2008
- Bluegrass Tomorrow “Vision Award”, 2013

Associate Attorney at the Law Firm of Jenkins Pisacano Robinson & Bailey, Lexington, KY;
August 2005-April 2006. Participated in various aspects of medical malpractice defense litigation, including drafting and arguing dispositive legal motions, attending depositions, conducting client relations, interviewing medical experts, and performing medical research.

Law Clerk for Judge William L. Graham, Franklin Circuit Court- Division II, Frankfort, KY;
September 2004- July 2005. Performed research on diverse administrative and legal issues. Drafted necessary court documents and orders. Also attended various court proceedings, including trials, oral arguments, and motion-hours.

Legal Intern for the Bluegrass Conservancy, Lexington KY;
Summer 2003. Performed legal and legislative research on Kentucky land use planning issues such as eminent domain and its effect on private conservation easements. Also completed community outreach and liaison activities with Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government.

Legal Intern in the Office of the Attorney General, Frankfort, KY;
Summer 2003. Provided administrative support for attorneys in the Criminal Appellate Division. Duties included watching and transcribing videotapes of police interrogations and pre-trial motions.

Agriculture Intern in the office of Senator Mitch McConnell of KY, Washington, D.C.;
Summer 2002. Performed legal and legislative research on agricultural issues effecting KY farmers such as the economic feasibility of bio-diesel, ethanol, and industrial hemp.

Legal Intern in the office of the Attorney General, Frankfort, KY;
Summer, 2000. Worked in the Criminal Appellate Capital Offense Division and Medicaid Fraud Division. Observed hearings concerning capital crimes and medicaid fraud in both District and Federal courts.

Community Activities & Personal Interests:

Markey Women Strong, 2022- Present.

Clark Coalition Board of Directors, 2022 - Present.

Dupree Mutual Fund Board of Trustees, 2019 - Present.

Fayette Alliance Board of Directors, 2016 - Present.

Sayre School Board of Trustees, 2014-2021.

First Presbyterian Church APNC, 2019- 2020.

Iroquois Hunt Club Board of Directors, 2012-2016.

Matthew Pfister (husband), Wells Pfister (daughter), Porter Pfister (son).

Riding, Farming, Fishing, Cooking, Tennis and Banjo

References Available Upon Request

