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Certification

Child Welfare Law Specialist, 2012 to present

The certification is awarded by the National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC) which is accredited by the American Bar Association to certify Child Welfare Law Specialists. Child Welfare Law Certification is available to attorneys who represent children, parents, and child welfare agencies in child abuse, neglect, and dependency cases. It is modeled after physician board certification and was created to improve the practice of juvenile law and establish juvenile law nationally as a recognized legal specialty. Certification signifies an enhanced level of knowledge, skill, and experience in juvenile law, and an extraordinary commitment to this area of law.

Certified Trainer for Juvenile Training Immersion Program, 2014. (Certified by the National Juvenile Defender Center to teach the Juvenile Training Immersion Program.)

Employment:

July 1, 1994 – present

President, Marsh & Wagner, P.C.,¹ 62 Court Street, Middlebury, VT 05753. (802) 388-4026. General practice, with emphasis on family law, criminal law, disability and civil litigation. Also, Addison County Juvenile Defender (see below).

November 1, 1983 - July 1, 1994

Partner, Nuovo & Marsh, 62 Court Street, Middlebury, VT 05753. General practice, with emphasis on family law, criminal law and civil litigation. Also, Addison County Juvenile Defender (see below).

July 1, 1992 - present

Addison County Juvenile Defender. Responsible for representing juveniles charged with delinquency and juveniles (and occasionally parents) in CHINS cases.

1987-1992

¹ The name of the firm has changed several times since 1994; the present one being Marsh & Wagner, P.C.

Addison County Assigned Counsel Contractor. Responsible for representing adult and juvenile public defender clients in cases where the public defender has a conflict.

1980- 1983

Staff Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid, Inc. Assigned to the Brandon Training School and the Vermont Developmental Disabilities Law Project. Responsible for judicial reviews of programs for training school residents, as well as guardianship, protective supervision, special education and other proceedings.

1979 – 1980

Judicial Law Clerk, State of Vermont. Legal research and drafting of opinions and orders for Superior Court judges in Rutland, Windham, Windsor and Bennington counties.

Education:

Harvard Law School, J.D., 1979

Third Year Paper - "A Comparison of the Ethics of American and Soviet Lawyers"

Certificate, Pushkin Institute, Moscow, 1976

Middlebury College, A.B., 1976

Majors: Political Science, Russian

Honors: Cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, High Honors in both majors

Montclair High School, Montclair, N.J., 1972.

Professional Memberships & Committees

Vermont Bar Association, 1980 to present

Board of Bar Managers, 1983 – 1986

Women's Section, 1980 to present

Chair, Juvenile Law Section, 2004 – 2018

Addison County Bar Association

Chair, Addison County Criminal Bench-Bar Committee, 1993- 1996

Chair, Addison County Family & Juvenile Bench-Bar Committees, 1993 to 2007

Vermont Association for Justice (VTAJ) 2017 - present

American Bar Association, 1980 to 2011, 2014 to 2018

New England Juvenile Defender Center Board Member – 2008 to present

Secretary, Vermont-Karelia Rule of Law Project 1999 to 2012 (I worked on several initiatives, including criminal procedure, criminal jury trials and establishing juvenile courts in Petrozavodsk, Karelia.) As a VKROLP Board Member, I also help with the administration of the International Rule of Law Consortium. These programs were funded by USAID, and were discontinued after Vladimir Putin ejected all USAID funded programs from Russia in 2012.

Permanency Planning Implementation Committee, 1999 to 2005. (Focus on permanency planning for children in foster care)

Ad hoc Committee on 16 and 17 Year Old Youth in Adult Court, 2009- 2015

Chapter 55 Study Committee, July 1, 2006 – December 31, 2007 (re-writing the Juvenile Proceedings statutes for the State of Vermont)

Justice for Children Task Force, October 2011 to present

National Association of Counsel for Children, Child Welfare Law Specialist, 2012 to present

Vermont Bar Foundation, Board member, 1997 – 2003.

Vermont Rules of Evidence Committee, September 2010 to present

VTAJ, January 2015 to present

Awards

“Women Who Make A Difference Award” Womensafe, 2005

Vermont Bar Association President’s Award, 2004

Children and Family Services Commissioner’s Community Award, 1993.
(Awarded by Commissioner William Young upon recommendation of the Addison County office of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.)

Outstanding Service Award, Vermont Volunteer Lawyers Project, 1987.

Seminar Presentations:

- Assets and Valuation in Divorce Cases, VBA Women’s Section, June 5, 1999.

- Blended Sentences – What Are They and Are They Beneficial to Our Clients, Office of the Defender General, June 7, 2001
- Rules of Evidence: The Basics, Office of the Defender General, June 6, 2002
- Best Practices for Parents’ Attorneys, Office of the Defender General, June 7, 2002
- Trial Skills for Attorneys Handling Juvenile Cases, Office of the Defender General, June 12, 2003
- Motion Practice in CHINS and Delinquency Cases, Office of the Defender General, December 3, 2004
- Case Analysis/CHINS, Do’s and Don’ts of Dispositions, and TPR – Legal, Evidentiary and Practical issues, Office of the Defender General, June 15, 2005
- Using Roper v. Simmons to Win Transfer Cases, Office of the Defender General, December 2, 2005
- Rethinking the Juvenile in Juvenile Delinquency –November 16, 2006. Vermont Bar Association, Office of the Defender General and others.
- Key Changes in Chapter 55 that Will Make a Difference – Vermont Justice for Children Task Force &, Vermont Court Improvement Program, November 2, 2007.
- Chapter 55 – What’s New? And How it Affects Your Practice – Office of the Defender General, June 11, 2008.
- Fighting Substantiation of Juveniles as Sex Offenders, Office of the Defender General, June 12, 2008
- Practice Pointers & Strategies to Deal with the New Law – What Lies Ahead? Office of the Defender General, November 5, 2008
- Emerging Standards in Juvenile Delinquency Practice in the United States – Presented at the Seminar “Elements of Juvenile Justice in Courts’ Practice of Karelia” for the Vermont-Karelia Rule of Law Project, January 29, 2009
- Treating Juvenile Offenders in Juvenile Court – Presented at the Justice for Children Conference, October 28, 2009
- Navigating the Minefields of Substantiations – Office of the Defender General, June 10, 2010
- Vermont Trainer, NITA Juvenile Law Training, Office of the Defender General, November 3 – 5, 2011
- Moderator, Effective Holistic Parent Representation in Dependency Matters: Effective Models of Legal and Support Services to Keep Families Together, Vermont Bar Association Mid-Winter Meeting, March 23, 2012
- Basic Skills in Vermont, Vermont Bar Association – August 24, 2012 – presenter of Juvenile Law portion of Family Law Practice session for

attorneys seeking admission to VT Bar by waiver

- Representing Young Children: Practical and Ethical Considerations – Office of the Defender General, June 6, 2013.
- Implications of Complex Trauma in Representation of Juveniles in CHINS and delinquency cases. Addison County Bar Association, May 20, 2014.
- Cross Examination of Experts – Office of the Defender General, June 4, 2014.
- JTIP program for New England Juvenile Detention Center: Automobile Searches and Disposition, 11/7/14, Manchester, NH
- Advocating for the Developmental Needs of the Child in Court: Concurrent Planning and Timely Permanence for Children 0-6, March 30, 31 2015
- Representing Juveniles Charged With Sex Crimes, A Comprehensive Guide, JTIP Protocol training for the Office of the Defender General, June 4, 2015
- Panel (1 DCF worker, 1 attorney and 1 GAL) The Legal Process in CHINS Cases, GAL Training, South Burlington, September 11, 2015
- Representing Children in CHINS, Delinquency and Criminal Courts: ethical, professional, and practical issues, Office of the Defender General, November 20, 2015.
- Free Speech in Schools and Discipline, Suspension and Expulsion, presented at a National Business Institute Seminar on Education Law, Burlington, VT, May 19, 2016
- Using the Science of Juvenile Development to Raise Competency, Diminished Capacity and Improper Waiver in Delinquency Cases, Office of the Defender General, November 9, 2016
- Estate Planning from A-Z, National Business Institute 12/2017
- PACA Training for Mediators, Court Administrator's Office, 9/9/17
- Advising Adoptive Parents: Post Adoption Contact Agreements, March 23, 2018, Vermont Bar Association Mid-Year Meeting
- How to Administer a Probate Estate, National Business Institute, 2/11/2019

Publications:

- "The Practical Implications of the Newly Enacted Vermont Juvenile Judicial Proceedings Act (JJPA)," Vermont Bar Journal, Volume 35, No. 1, Spring 2009, p. 42.
- "Child Welfare Law Specialization," Vermont Bar Journal, Volume 37, No. 2, Summer 2011, p. 41.
- "Think Twice Before Pleading a Sixteen or Seventeen Year Old to an Adult Criminal Offense" Vermont Bar Journal, Volume, Volume 37, No.

Community Service

- Moderator, Town of New Haven, March 2014 to present
- Selectboard, Town of New Haven, March 2008 to March 2014
- Justice of the Peace, Town of New Haven, 1991- 1993; 1995 - present
- Moderator, Union High School District # 28, 1985 to 2018
- Moderator, Mount Abraham Unified School District, 2018 to present
- Library Trustee, Town of New Haven, 2004 – 2008
- Member, Middlebury Wind Ensemble, Bristol Band (flute)
- ACLU-VT Board of Directors, October 2011 to present
- President, Board of Directors, The Gailer School, 1997-1999.
- Secretary, Board of Directors, The Gailer School at Middlebury, 1996
- Member, Board of Directors, The Gailer School at Middlebury, 1999-2000.
- Board of Directors, Bridge School, Inc., 2017 - present; currently Vice-Chair
- Chair, Bridge School Advisory Board, 1993 – 1998.
- Member, Bridge School Advisory Board 1992 - 1993.
- Treasurer, Addison County League of Women Voters, 1992 - 2000.
- President, Otter Creek Child Center, Inc. 1989 -1991 (?)
- Founding member, Board of Directors, Otter Creek Child Center, Inc. 1984 -1989