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EDUCATION:

**University of California
Boalt Hall School of Law**
Berkeley, California
LL.M. - December 1993

Loyola University School of Law
New Orleans, Louisiana
J.D. (Civil Law), *cum laude* - May 1991
Cumulative G.P.A. - 3.541; Class Rank - 8 of 225
Loyola Law Review; Moot Court Staff Member
Semi-Finalist, Moot Court Competition
Highest Exam Paper - Admin. of Crim. Justice
Highest Seminar Papers - Law & Poverty; Family Law Sem.

Tulane University School of Social Work
New Orleans, Louisiana
Master of Social Work - December 1977 (Mental Health track)

University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas
Bachelor of Arts, Speech Communications & Human Relations,
Speech & Drama - May 1975
Cumulative G.P.A. - 3.80
Phi Beta Kappa

LEGAL

EMPLOYMENT:

Law Office of Deborah M. Henson, LLC, 6/08 - present
Mental Health Defense and Consultation in licensing board
matters/grievances and high-risk clinical cases; Attorney Disciplinary
Representation/Ethics; Risk Prevention for Clinicians and Attorneys;
Appellate Research/Writing; Adoptions (Louisiana only)
Denver, Colorado
New Orleans, Louisiana

Contract Appellate Attorney and Litigation Support, 10/05-6/08

Trey L. Dolezal, Esquire
Austin, Texas

Appellate Brief Writer, 9/03 to 8/05 (City closed - Hurricane Katrina)

Office of the City Attorney for the City of New Orleans
New Orleans, Louisiana

Judicial Law Clerk, 1/03 to 9/03

Judge Edwin A. Lombard
Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal

Private Law Practice, 5/99 to 12/02

Attorney Disciplinary Investigations/Ethics; Adoption; Mediation
New Orleans, Louisiana

Staff Attorney, 5/99 to 8/00

Stanley & Flanagan, L.L.C.,
New Orleans, Louisiana

Board Staff Attorney, 2/98 to 5/99

Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board

Judicial Law Clerk, 8/96 to 2/98

Associate Justice Harry T. Lemmon (now retired)
Louisiana Supreme Court

Legal Analysis and Writing Instructor, 7/94-6/96

University of Pittsburgh School of Law
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Judicial Law Clerk, 8/91-7/92

Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr. (now retired)
Louisiana Supreme Court
New Orleans, Louisiana

Summer Associate 7/90-8/90; Law Clerk, 8/90-4/91

Stone, Pigman, Walther, Wittman & Hutchinson
New Orleans, Louisiana

Summer Associate, 5/90-6/90

Gordon, Arata, McCollam & Duplantis
New Orleans, Louisiana

United States Eastern District Court Externship, 8/89-5/90

Magistrate (now Judge) Ivan L.R. Lemelle
New Orleans, Louisiana

Law Clerk, 5/88-8/89

Steven Scheckman, Mark S. Goldstein, Ron Purcell
New Orleans, Louisiana

Research Assistant, 1/89-5/91

Revising and updating text: Louisiana Successions and Donations, Material and Cases; Kathryn V.Lorio, Professor, Loyola Law School

**SOCIAL WORK
EMPLOYMENT:**

Adjunct Faculty, March 2017 – December 2017

University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, 2015 to 2018

Private practice of psychotherapy, supervision, consultation, and training (clinical and ethics issues)

Denver, Colorado

Psychotherapy with adults and couples.

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, 1981 to 2015

Private practice of psychotherapy, supervision, consultation, and training (clinical and ethics issues)

New Orleans, Louisiana; Austin, Texas

Conduct psychotherapy with individuals, couples, families and groups - adults, adolescents and children; provide evaluations and recommendations for court or probation offices; supervise clinical social workers for licensure; consult re: clinical and business aspects of social work practice; train mental health practitioners in clinical/legal issues.

Adjunct Professor, 1984-87

Tulane University School of Social Work

Taught "Family Violence: Theory and Therapy" and "Clinical Work with Children" in Masters (MSW) program.

[for additional Clinical Social Work positions/experience, see web site – www.deborahmhenson.com]

PUBLICATIONS:

Mental Health Newsletters to Louisiana and Colorado clinicians
June 2016 to present (approximately monthly)
(all newsletters to both states are posted on my web site)

Tips of the Trade in Appellate Practice in
Louisiana Bar Journal March 2010

Preventing Grievances in Texas Bar Journal, September 2007

Common Ethical Violations That Can be Easily Avoided in The Practice Manager, an online publication of the Law Practice Management Program of the Texas State Bar, March 12, 2007.

Will Same-Sex Marriages be Recognized in Sister States: Full Faith and Credit and Due Process Limitations on States' Choice of Law regarding the Status and Incidents of Homosexual Marriages following Hawaii's Baehr v. Lewin, 32 J. Fam. L. 551 (1994). [LL.M. Thesis]
A Comparative Analysis of Same-Sex Partnership Protections: Recommendations for American Reform, 7 Int'l J. of L & Fam. 282 (1993).

Note, *Equal Protection Analysis of Louisiana's Unemployment Law Balances Economic Security for Both Unemployed Individuals and Employers: Pierre v. Administrator*, 36 Loy. L. Rev. 195 (1990).

Therapy with Battered Women in Women, Power and Change. National Association of Social Workers, Inc. (Ann Weick and Susan Vandiver, eds. 1982).

**COMMUNITY
SERVICE:**

Friends of Northampton Trails and Greenways Board of Directors
Northampton, Massachusetts
Member, December 2018 – present

Ward 3 Neighborhood Association Board
Northampton, Massachusetts
Alternate Member, October 2018 - present

Street's Hope – Services for Sexually Exploited Adults
Denver, Colorado
Agency Legal Consultant (high risk clinical cases and legal risk prevention)
January 2016 – present
Clinical Staff training – half day January 25, 2018

Denver PFLAG Board of Directors

Member, October 2016 – August 2017

Colorado NASW/CSCSW Practice Standards Committee

Member, November 2015 – present

Louisiana State Bar Association – Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Member – assisting impaired lawyers and judges find resources
July 2014 - present

Arbitrator – LSBA Fee Dispute Program

Volunteer Arbitrator – decide fee disputes between lawyer and client
March 2009 - present

Trinity Training & Counseling Center

Consultant – Legal & Ethical Issues in Clinical Practice
Oct. 10 and 17, 2008 (half day staff trainings)

Loyola Professionalism Orientation

Panelist – LSBA group session for new law students - August 9, 2008

NASW Austin, Texas Branch Steering Committee

Member and Program Committee Co-Chair; May 2007- present

New Orleans Pro Bono Project B

Child in Need of Care (CINC) Program

Volunteer attorney for children in State custody
February 2000 to August 2005 (Katrina)

AIDSLaw of Louisiana, Inc. - Board of Directors, New Orleans

June 2001 to June 2004

Louisiana Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers (LAPRL) 1999 to 2005

American Civil Liberties Union

Board member of Greater Pittsburgh Board of Directors 1994-96;
Vice-President of Greater Pittsburgh Chapter Board - 1995-96

Louisiana Committee for Social Work Vendorship

President - 1986-89; Litigation Chair – 1989

Chartres Mental Health Center Advisory Board, New Orleans
Vice-President - 1987; Treasurer - 1983-86

National Association of Social Workers
Private Practice Special Interest Group, New Orleans
President - 1984-85; Program Committee Chair - 1982-84

Crescent House Shelter for Battered Women, New Orleans
Clinical Consultant for Adult & Children's Counseling Programs -1979-85

**RECENT
PRESENTATIONS:**

**Ethical Management of Legal Involvement: Authentic Use of the
Therapist's Self** (Beyond Ethics, LLC – clinician training business)
June 8 and November 2, 2018 – New Orleans, Louisiana

Self-Protective Practices for High-Risk Clinical Cases
(Beyond Ethics, LLC – clinician training business)
May 11, 2018 – Denver, Colorado

**Self-Protective, Ethical Practices with High-Stress Clients/Situations:
Walking the High Wire in Stressful Clinical Situations and Legal
Involvement**
Beyond Ethics, LLC held at Sungate Kids
August 28, 2017 – Denver, Colorado

**Self-Protective, Ethical Practices for Clinicians to Handle High-Risk
Clients and Legal Involvement**
Sungate Kids – Colorado Child Advocacy and Abuse Services
April 17, 2017 – Denver, Colorado

Ethical, Clinical Practice in an Electronic Age
Beyond Ethics, LLC
February 17, June 2, and November 3, 2017 – New Orleans, Louisiana

Self-Protective, Clinical Practice with High-Risk Clients
Colorado Society for Clinical Social Work – Salon
October 20, 2016 – Denver, Colorado

Ethical, Clinical Challenges: Dual Relationships and Other Sticky Wickets
Beyond Ethics, LLC
May 13, 2016 – New Orleans, Louisiana

**Self-Protective, Ethical Practices with Couples and Families:
Walking the High Wire in Stressful Clinical Situations and Legal
Involvement**

Beyond Ethics, LLC

April 10, May 29, and November 6, 2015 - New Orleans, Louisiana

School Counselors Ethics Training

Kipp – New Orleans School Counselors

January 5, 2015 – New Orleans, Louisiana

Ethics for Clinicians in a Litigious Society

Beyond Ethics, LLC

March 28 and May 30, 2014 - New Orleans, Louisiana

**Self-Protective, Ethical Practice for Clinicians to Handle
High-Risk Clients and Legal Involvement**

Beyond Ethics, LLC

April 12, June 14, Sept. 20 and Dec. 6, 2013 – New Orleans, Louisiana

Ethical, Self-Protective Management of High-Risk Clinical Situations

Beyond Ethics, LLC

June 29 and Dec. 7, 2012 – New Orleans, Louisiana

Current Issues in Ethics: 2012

Gilsbar, Inc. Ethics Seminars: Loss Prevention Office

June 15, 2012 – New Orleans, Louisiana

Law & Ethics in Pediatric Mental Health:

The ABCs of Ethical Clinical Practice When Lawyers Come Calling

Burrell Mental Health Center Annual Pediatric Conference

May 11, 2012 – Springfield, Missouri

Ethical Management of Clinical Practices

Jewish Family Service and Professional Development Network

April 20, 2012 – New Orleans, Louisiana

Current Issues in Ethics: 2011

Divorce, Depression & Substance in the Legal Profession

Beyond Ethics, LLC

December 9 and 16, 2011 – New Orleans, Louisiana

Current Issues in Ethics: 2011

Gilsbar, Inc. Ethics Seminars: Loss Prevention Office

September 13, 2011 – Lafayette, Louisiana

September 23, 2011 – New Orleans, Louisiana

Managing High-Risk Clinical Situations: Ethically & Self-Protectively
Department of Energy – Oak Ridge National Laboratory: May 5, 2011
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Current Issues in Ethics: 2010

Last Chance CLE: December 17, 2010
Courtyard Marriott at 2 Galleria Boulevard, Metairie, Louisiana

Tips from the Bench & Bar for Incisive Appellate Practice

Louisiana State Bar Association's all day seminar: Oct. 15, 2010
Appeals! Appeals! Appeals! Experts of the Bench & Bar
Sheraton New Orleans Hotel

Avoid Ethics Complaints and Malpractice Lawsuits – PESI, LLC

New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – May 2012
Jacksonville, Orlando, Tampa, Florida – March 2012
Tinley Park, Arlington Heights, Chicago, Illinois – February 2012
Austin, Houston, San Antonio, Texas – January 2012
St. Louis, Missouri & Springfield, Illinois – Nov./Dec. 2011
Macon, Norcross, Atlanta, Georgia – September 2011
Roanoke, Richmond, Norfolk, Virginia – April 2011
Towson, College Park, MD & Fairfax, Virginia – Oct. 2010
Princeton, Edison and Parsippany, NJ – Sept. 2010
Palm Spring and San Diego, California – July 2010
Macon, Norcross and Atlanta, Georgia – March 10-12, 2010
Richmond, Norfolk, Virginia – Jan. 20-22, 2010
Des Moines, Omaha, Kansas City, Wichita – Dec. 1-4, 2009
Indianapolis, IN – Nov. 4-6, 2009
Minneapolis, MN, October 1-3, 2009
Philadelphia and Harrisburg, PA & Cherry Hill, NJ - July 13-15, 2009

Legal and Ethical Issues in Mental Health Practice: Protecting Yourself and Your Clients (half-day seminar)

Louisiana Association of Clinical Social Workers
June 19, 2009 – Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Legal & Ethical Issues in Clinical Practice: Litigation Involvement and Preventing Disciplinary Complaints – Master Session (half day)

National Association of Social Workers-Louisiana Annual Conference, April 1, 2009 – Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Loyola Law School Professionalism Orientation

Sponsored by Loyola School of Law and the Louisiana State Bar Association – Panelist for 3-hour group for incoming law students
August 9, 2008 – New Orleans, Louisiana

Legal & Ethical Issues in Mental Health Practice: Protecting Yourself and Your Clients – 6-hour CEUs through Cross Country Education, Inc.
January 29-31, 2008 (Nashville, Knoxville, and Asheville).
December 17-19, 2007 (Cleveland, Erie and Pittsburgh).

Exploring The Grey Areas Of Social Work Practice: An Interactive Workshop Applying Ethics Rules to Challenging Clinical Situations
Sponsored by the University of Texas Professional Development Office
CEU ethics training for mental health professionals –
July 20, 2007 and November 30, 2007 (full day) – New Orleans, Louisiana

Ethics & Litigation: A Survival Guide

Sponsored by St. Edward's University Professional Education Office
CEU ethics training for mental health professionals –
August 10, 2007 and November 9, 2007 (half day) – Austin, Texas

Appellate Writing: Tips of the Trade

Prime Time CLE Institute, May 15, 2005 – New Orleans, Louisiana

Common Ethical Dilemmas in Law Practice

CLE for New Orleans City Attorney's Office - March 25, 2004
New Orleans, Louisiana

How to Be Effective in Courtroom for Mental Health Professionals

CEU for Louisiana Association of Clinical Social Workers – Sept.12, 2003
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Keeping the Wolves and Disciplinary Counsel from the Office Door

All day seminar on risk prevention and common ethical dilemmas in solo law practice. Sponsored by Prime Time CLE Institute, January 24, 2002
New Orleans, Louisiana

Structure and Procedures of the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board and Avoiding Common Client Complaints

Lecture for Tulane Law School's CLE by the Hour - December 27, 2001
New Orleans, Louisiana

The New Ethical Standards: Compliance with the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act

Lecture for Tulane School of Social Work
Center for Lifelong Learning, Summer Updates, June 1, 2001
New Orleans, Louisiana

Issues in Ethics and Professionalism

Lecture for Prime Time CLE Institute, March 7, 2001- New Orleans, LA

Comparison and Contrast of the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary System with the Board Certified Social Work Disciplinary System

National Association of Social Workers Florida Parishes Regional Meeting, October 20, 1998 – Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Utilizing the Mental Health Professional as Deponent

All day workshop through Prime Time CLE Institute - October 16, 1998
New Orleans, Louisiana

Social Work and the Law: Understanding Your Rights

National Association of Social Workers-Louisiana Annual Conference, March 11, 1998 – Baton Rouge, Louisiana

BAR

ADMISSIONS:

State Bar of Colorado – February 27, 2015
State Bar of Louisiana – October 19, 1991
State Bar of Texas – August 10, 2006 (inactive at present)
United States Supreme Court – April 19, 2004

CLINICAL

LICENSES:

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (L.C.S.W.), Louisiana – 1980
Licensed Clinical Social Worker (L.C.S.W.), Texas – 2006 (inactive)
Licensed Clinical Social Worker (L.C.S.W.), Colorado - 2014