

**Education: *Juris Doctor, University of Oklahoma College of Law***

- \_ Editor, Oklahoma Law Review
- \_ American Jurisprudence Awards in Contracts I & II, and Torts
- \_ Outstanding Student Scholarship
- \_ Student Board of Governors

***Master of Social Work, University of Oklahoma***

***Master of Arts in English, University of Central Oklahoma***

***Bachelor of Arts in English, University of Central Oklahoma***

**Experience:**

August 2009-present

Clinical Assistant Professor  
Director of Oklahoma Palliative Care Resource Center  
Oklahoma University Health Sciences Center  
Department of Family Medicine

September, 2005- 2009

Adjunct Professor

Director of Oklahoma Palliative Care Resource Center

University of Oklahoma Health Science Center

College of Nursing;

Board Member, Senior Law Resource Center

Board Member, Project for Optimal Emergency Medical Management

Member, Ethics Committee, OU Medical Center Hospitals;

Member, Center for Practical Bioethics, KC, MO;

Grand Rounds Presentations, OU Medical Center Hospitals;

***Assistant Attorney General, State of Oklahoma, General Counsel Division*** ***1999-05***

I served the Attorney General of the State of Oklahoma as Health Policy Coordinator for the Attorney General's Task Force to Improve End-of-Life Care in Oklahoma. I was also Assistant Attorney General Counsel assigned to represent state agencies, including the Oklahoma Nursing Board, Oklahoma Health Care Authority and Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators.

I am a member of the Oklahoma State Medical Association Geriatric Task Force.

I coordinated a project addressing "The Role of Attorney Generals to Improve End-of-Life Care," for Oklahoma Attorney General Edmondson as his Presidential Initiative for the National Association of Attorneys General, 2002-03. For that work I received the NAAG Presidential Award for outstanding contribution to health care.

***Director, Inpatient Mental Health Centers***

***1997-99***

I directed the inpatient mental health units in Oklahoma's University and Children's Hospitals. My priority was advocacy for patients to insure admission, patient care, and discharge planning based on need rather than socioeconomic status or financial ability. I was responsible for preparation of the units for three successful on-site surveys by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.

***Private Law Practice***

***1978-96***

I am licensed to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the Supreme Court of Oklahoma, the United States District Court for the Western and Eastern Districts of Oklahoma, and the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. My active practice of 18 years in litigation, focused on Constitutional Law, Labor Law, and Employment Law. Representative defendants included Oklahoma City University School of Law and the Oklahoma State Department of Corrections. I represented plaintiffs in successful litigation against the Oklahoma Human Rights Commission for sexual harassment, and the Oklahoma Department of Health for violation of First Amendment and Equal Protection rights, and the Department of Human Services for employment discrimination.

***Professor of Law***

***1980-99***

I have served as Adjunct Professor of Contracts, Property and Labor Law for the University of Oklahoma College of Law,

Oklahoma City University School of Law, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Oklahoma University Health Sciences, and University of Oklahoma School of Social Work, continuing legal education speaker for the Oklahoma Trial Lawyers Association, the Conference on Consumer Finance Law, Oklahoma Bar Association, and University of Oklahoma Law Center. I have also lectured on Mental Health Law and Ethics for Professional Education Systems Inc., in Georgia, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

***Mediator***

***1995-99***

My practice included mediation and forensic evaluation for individuals and employers, as well as the court system. I am a trained mediator for the Oklahoma Supreme Court Early Settlement Program.

***OkABCD Project***

I have served as the Attorney General's liaison to the Oklahoma Association for Healthcare Ethics and on the Oklahoma Alliance for Better Care for the Dying project for the past five years. This program was funded by Robert Wood Johnson to increase professional and community awareness of important end of life issues.