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PROFESSIONAL

General Counsel (2004-Present) University of Alabama System:

Reports directly to the Chancellor and Board of Trustees. Responsible for all legal affairs of the 55,000 student, \$4.5 billion University System, with three campuses in Tuscaloosa (UA), Birmingham (UAB) and Huntsville (UAHuntsville). Manages a staff of 27 in defending litigation, drafting contracts, handling personnel disputes and faculty retention, discipline and tenure matters, research and regulatory compliance, protection of patents and intellectual property, and student issues, among others.

Serves on Chancellor's Senior Staff in formulating education policy for the System in such areas as budget development, international programs, quality enhancement, curriculum coordination, endowment management, technology advancement, resource allocation, performance review, peer accreditation, and prestige scholarship competition.

Distinguished Lecturer of Law (2005-Present): University of Alabama School of Law. See below for description of courses taught.

Adjunct Professor (2005-Present): University of Alabama Honors College. See below for description of courses taught.

Partner (until 2004): Johnston Barton Proctor & Powell LLP, Birmingham, Alabama.

Associate (1979-1982): Covington & Burling, Washington, D.C.

Who's Who in American Law; Who's Who in America; Who's Who in the World

"A-V" rated in Martindale Hubbell Law Directory (highest rating for legal ability and ethical standards)

Member District of Columbia and Alabama Bars

EDUCATIONAL

Yale Law School: 1976-1979; J.D.

Rhodes Scholar, Oxford University: 1973-1976; M.A. Politics, Philosophy, Economics

Washington & Lee University: 1969-1973; English major; B.A. Summa Cum Laude;

Phi Beta Kappa; Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Fraternity; Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity; Student Government

Mountain Brook High School: 1966-1969; Senior Class President

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL ACTIVITIES

Higher Education Activities

Director Association of American Rhodes Scholars (2006-Present); Executive Committee (2008-Present)

Member Alabama Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee (1982-1987; 1998-Present); Alabama Secretary (2003-2004); Alabama, Tennessee and Florida District Secretary (2004-Present). Responsible for administering selection process in three state area.

Administrator, American Trust for Oxford University (2008-Present), a charitable trust established in 1928 to receive contributions and make grants for the benefit of Oxford University. The ATFO also administers the endowment establishing the Eastman Professorship at Oxford, awarded annually to a distinguished American Scholar.

Director University of Alabama Law School Foundation (2008-Present)

Director Farrah Law Society, University of Alabama School of Law (2004-Present)

Visiting Committee College of Arts and Sciences, The University of the South (2008-10)

American Bar Association Site Visit Accreditation Team, George Mason University School of Law (2007)

Board of Visitors, University of Alabama Honors College (2006-2007)

Capital and other Endowment Campaigns, University of Alabama System Campuses (2004-Present)

Capital Campaign Leadership, Washington & Lee University (1998-2003; 1990-1995)

Executive Committee Yale Law School Association (1990-1993)

Member UAB Leadership Council (1988-1991)

Member President's Advisory Council for Birmingham-Southern College (1987-1988)

Member Honors Scholarship Selection Committee for Birmingham-Southern College (1987)

Director Yale Law School Fund (1982-1987)

President Washington & Lee Alumni Association, Birmingham Chapter (1985-1986)

Civic and Community Activities

Fellow Alabama Law Foundation (2008-Present). The Fellows program, limited to 1% of the Alabama State Bar, was established to honor bar members who have made a significant contribution to their profession and community.

Member American Bar Association Center for Racial and Ethnic Diversity (2008-10). The Center, led by its 15 Members, coordinates the ABA's diversity initiatives in three primary areas: educational pipeline, professional leadership, and social justice.

Director and/or Vice President Rotary Club of Birmingham (1988-1989); (1990-1991); (2001-2002); (2010-2012); Paul Harris Fellow Rotary International Foundation

Director Birmingham Regional Chamber of Commerce (2001-2004); Trustee (1993-2000)

Chancellor Episcopal Diocese of Alabama (2000-2003)

Director Birmingham Committee on Foreign Relations (1996-2002)

Vestry Saint Luke's Episcopal Church (1988-1991) (1996 - 1999)

Junior Warden (1989-1990)

Senior Warden (1990-1991)

Director Alabama School of Fine Arts Foundation (1993-1998)

Director and Vice President Friends of Charles Linn Park, Inc. (1985-1995). The Friends raised funds and oversaw renovation of the central park in downtown Birmingham in innovative, multiracial public/private partnership.
Founding Director Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation (1993)
Trustee (1988-1990) and President (1990) Episcopal Foundation of Jefferson County d/b/a St. Martin's-in-the-Pines, a 310 bed \$16.8 million nursing, assisted living and retirement community in Birmingham, Alabama
Trustee Highlands Day School (1985-1989)
Member Leadership Birmingham (1988)

SELECTED CLASSES TAUGHT AND PRESENTATIONS MADE

University of Alabama Honors College, "Scandal and Reform"
University of Alabama School of Law, "Selected Problems in Corporate Law"
Patton Boggs LLP, "Challenges and Opportunities in Higher Education," May 12, 2011
University of Alabama System Delegation to India promoting Academic Collaboration and Economic Development, March, 2011
Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrere & Denegre LLP, "A Snapshot of The University of Alabama System," June 7, 2010
University of Alabama in Huntsville Honors Forum Panel, "The Rhodes Scholarship," November 10, 2009
University of Alabama System Board of Trustees Retreat, "Overview and Trends", May 21, 2009
Redstone Club, Birmingham, Alabama, "The University of Alabama System," July 27, 2007
University of Alabama System Board of Trustees Retreat, "Alabama's New Open Meetings Act," March 4, 2006
Rhodes Trust Centenary Reunion and Conferences (delegate), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 2005, Cape Town, South Africa and London/Oxford, England, January and July, 2003
Rhodes Scholarships and The University of Alabama System, Student/Faculty Presentations, October 2004
Johnston Barton Proctor & Powell LLP, Corporate and Tax Section, "Corporate Governance and Accounting Scandals," June 16, 2003
Warren, Averett, Kimbrough & Marino, LLC, "From Pinstripes to Jail Stripes: How to Keep Yourself and Your Client out of Prison" (moderator), October 1, 2002
Birmingham Area Chamber of Commerce, "Annual Corporate Check up: Five Steps to a Healthy and Prosperous Year," September 26, 2002
KPMG Audit Committee Institute Roundtable, "A Focus on Issues Dominating the Audit Committee Agenda," June 20, 2002
Episcopal Church Bishops and Chancellors Conference, "Eleven Tough Questions – Interviewer's Perspective on Background Checks in the Nomination and Selection of Bishops in the Episcopal Church," October 11, 2001
First Financial Group, Inc., "Professionalism in the New Millennium," September 17, 2001
UAB Grand Rounds, UAB Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology, "Patient Confidentiality Under Alabama Law," April, 1997

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Interview, *Capital Thinking* (Summer 2011)
- Law, Liberty and Morality Revisited: A Perspective on a Decade of Financial Crisis,” Work in Progress
- Review of The Western Literary Canon in Context, John M. Bowers. *The American Oxonian*, Vol. XCVII, no. 2 (Spring 2010)
- “Laws Never a Good Substitute for Integrity,” Birmingham News (April 20, 2003)
- “Mandela, Rhodes Union Triumph of Faith,” Birmingham News (February 16, 2003)
- “One Hundred Years of the Rhodes Scholarship: “Closing a Circle of History in Southern Africa,” JOHNSTON BARTON OCCASIONAL PAPER SERIES (February 2003)
- “A New Year’s Practice Check-up: Five Ways to Improve the Legal Health (and Profitability) of your Medical Practice,” M.D. NEWS (January 2003); reprinted MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL (Alabama Edition) (July/August 2003)
- “Corporate Governance and Accounting Scandals: The Virtue of Virtue in a Venal World” (October 2002), JOHNSTON BARTON OCCASIONAL PAPER SERIES, reviewed/noted in Yale Law Report (Winter 2003)
- "Federal Suits Under Imminent and Substantial Endangerment Provisions" (co-authored with Theodore L. Garrett), ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION ANALYST (1981)
- "Beyond the Treaties: Limitation on Neutrality in the Panama Canal," YALE STUDIES IN WORLD PUBLIC ORDER (now YALE JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW) (1977), (Awarded Deak Prize by American Society of International Law)
- “Rhodes Scholar Reflects on Oxford,” ALUMNI MAGAZINE OF WASHINGTON & LEE UNIVERSITY (November 1976)

PERSONAL

Born November 2, 1951

Married 1974 to former Helen Elizabeth (Betsy) Oakley, Sweet Briar College, B.A. 1973

Children:

1978 Harrison, B.A. Washington & Lee 2001, J.D. University of Alabama School of Law 2007

1982 William, B.S. University of Alabama at Birmingham 2007

1985 Robert, B.A. The University of the South 2008