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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

1994 - Present: Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal, Kansas City, MO: partner and one of three founders of the Kansas City office of a national law firm; practice emphasis on telecommunications, media, First Amendment, and labor and employment relations

Member of firm's management committee; head of firm's media and communications practice group

Listed in Best Lawyers in America for First Amendment law since 1997

Listed in Chambers as a top employment lawyer in Missouri since 2006

1980-1994: Spencer Fane Britt & Browne, Kansas City, MO: associate 1980-86, partner 1987-94; member of top-ranked labor and employment group; founded firm's media and telecommunications practice

2008-Present: Lecturer, William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications; have taught Journalism 618, addressing the history and role of the First Amendment in American society, during 2008 spring semester, 2009 spring and fall semesters, and scheduled to teach course in 2010 spring semester, averaging 80 students per semester

EDUCATION

Secondary: St. John's School, Houston, TX, graduated 1973

Yale College, New Haven, CT, B.A. History 1977, *cum laude*, Honors in History; member of Yale College Council (student government); freshman counselor in Timothy Dwight College

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, J.D. 1980; employment for two years during law school with Brickley, Sears & Cole, Boston, MA; summer associate with Fulbright & Jaworski, Houston, TX, Greensfelder Hemker, St. Louis, MO, and Blackwell Sanders Matheny Weary & Lombardi, Kansas City, MO

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

Missouri

Kansas

United States Supreme Court

United States Courts of Appeals for the Sixth, Eighth, and Tenth Circuits

United States District Courts for the Western District of Missouri, Eastern District of Missouri, and District of Kansas

CIVIC AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

2002-2007: Board Member and President of KEEN - Kansas City, a charity dedicated to providing opportunities for physical activities for physically and developmentally challenged children.

1995-2003: Board Member and President of the Country Club District Homes Association; led successful effort to challenge efforts of property owner (Country Club Christian Church) to violate Homes Association's restrictive covenants.

1990-2000: Member and Chair of the Media Law Committee of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association.
