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BRENDA M. KOBAL, ESQUIRE

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

1993 to 1998 * LAW OFFICES OF JAMES T. MULLIGAN, Moosic, PA.

ATTORNEY: Member of a small association of Attorneys engaged in the general practice of law; Litigation experience in the areas of Family Law, Criminal Law, Personal Bankruptcy and Personal Injury; Solo jury trial in 1996; Active Courtroom litigation; Appeal to Superior Court of Pennsylvania resulted in precedent on interpretation of Pennsylvania standard for custody relocation (*Zalenko v. White*, 1996); Practice focused primarily on Family Law as of 1997.

1998 to Present * KOBAL & FREDERICKSON, Moosic, PA

ATTORNEY: Partner in a small association of Attorneys engaged in the general practice of law; Joint management of support staff and office operations; Individual practice limited to Family Law; Extensive experience includes all standard issues associated with Divorce, Child Custody, Support, and Adoption; Continued Courtroom litigation and appeals from Trial Court decisions; Previously Court appointed per diem Master in Divorce and as arbitration panel member.

1994 to Present * COURT APPOINTED GUARDIAN AD LITEM,

Lackawanna County Court of Common Pleas, Lackawanna County, PA

GAL: Appointed Per Diem as Guardian Ad Litem to children subject to high conflict custody battles in excess of 600 cases; Extensive experience includes following issues: physical/sexual abuse, substance abuse, psychological disorders, physical disabilities, relocation, third party placement, reintroduction to estranged parent and legal custody disputes (religion, medical treatment, education, etc); Performance of full fact finding Inquiries with interviews of children and pertinent parties; Collect data; Issue Reports and provide testimony in Court; Post-decision case monitoring; Cooperative efforts with Court psychologist, local co-operative parenting program, Children & Youth Services, schools/daycares, visit supervisor and medical and health care providers; Draft and present pleadings when necessary for the protection of the children; Continuing legal education through Marywood University and Lackawanna County CLE programs on issues which focus on GAL issues.

EDUCATION

1986 to 1990 - UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON, Scranton, PA

BS/BA POLITICAL SCIENCE/HISTORY (1990): Pre-law focus; Member of multiple honor societies; Deans list; Employed in clerical, medical and retail fields throughout undergraduate years (list available upon request).

1990 to 1993 - WIDENER UNIVERSITY School of Law, Wilmington, DE

JD (1993): Attended University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya for Summer International Law Program (1991); Legal Internship with SAP America, Inc. (1992) -Worked on projects for corporate counsel of German based mainframe computer software corporation including issues of intellectual property, labor/ employment and contracts; employed in retail and medical fields throughout law school years (list available upon request).

MEMBERSHIP AND COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

PENNSYLVANIA BAR ASSOCIATION: Active since 1993
- PA BAR License Number: 70711

LACKAWANNA BAR ASSOCIATION: Active since 1993

LACKAWANNA COUNTY FAMILY LAW COMMITTEE: Active Member;
Meetings with committee, Judges, Court Administrator and County Commissioners on
Lackawanna Family Court Practice and Procedure; Currently involved in formation of revised
system for Masters in Divorce in Lackawanna County.

LACKAWANNA COUNTY GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM COMMITTEE:
Committee members consist of Court psychologist/GAL program coordinator, family law
attorney representative and Court administrator; Worked closely with Family Court Judge;
Drafted standard protocol for Guardian Ad Litem as well as extensive questionnaire, forms and
releases to be utilized GAL Inquiries with the approval of the Committee; Assisted in the
establishment of proposed local rules regarding the Program; Development of series of
mandatory continuing legal education classes for GAL's.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST