

JOSEPH CARROLL KNIGHT

PROFESSIONALISM

- Excellent qualifications in criminal law, child custody, domestic violence and family law
- Skilled in establishing sustainable relationships and structuring an atmosphere of approachability
- Professional history in law enforcement, investigations and secondary education

EDUCATION

J.D., North Carolina Central University School of Law, Durham, NC, May 2000

M.A., Near Eastern Studies, New York University, Manhattan, NY, May 1985

B.A., Religion/Philosophy, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, NC, May 1980

Honors: Magna Cum Laude

Activities: Alpha Chi National Honor Society, North Carolina Institute of Government Intern

EXPERIENCE

LEGAL:

Appointed October 1, 2007 to Office of Magistrate, Buncombe County, Asheville, NC

Law Office of Joseph C. Knight, Asheville, NC

Private Practitioner, 2005-Present

Private practice representing a diverse group of individuals in criminal and family law with an emphasis in child protective services

Pisgah Legal Services, Asheville, NC

Legal Aid Staff Attorney, 2002-2005

Legal aid representation in family law and with an emphasis on domestic violence representing victims in Western North Carolina. Set solid track record of reducing legal costs through effective preventative advice.

Sean P. Devereux, P.A., Asheville, NC

Associate Attorney, 2001-2002

Criminal Defense 95%/Family 5%

Law Office of Eugene Ellison, Asheville, NC

Associate Attorney, 2000-2001

Criminal Defense 95%/ Family Law 5%

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND INVESTIGATIONS:

Buncombe County Courthouse, Asheville, NC

Pretrial Screener/Coordinator, 1997-1997

Interviewed inmates to assist district court decisions regarding pretrial and supervised released defendants.

District Attorney, 28th Judicial District, Asheville, NC

Investigative Assistant, 1994-1995

Full range of accountability from pretrial investigation to trial support.

Buncombe County Sheriff's Department, Asheville, NC

Reserve Deputy Sheriff, 1994-2000

Deputy Sheriff, 1990-1994

Court Security Officer, Buncombe County Courthouse, 1991-1994

Booking Officer, Buncombe County Detention Facility, 1990-1991

ACADEMIC:

University of North Carolina – Asheville

Adjunct Instructor of Classics, 1988-1997

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

North Carolina Bar Association, U.S. District Court – Western District of North Carolina, 28th Judicial District Bar