



Resume for:

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Personal: Born 11/1/52 in Freeport, Illinois. Height: 5'11" Weight: 185 lbs. Married, three children.

Legal Education: Tulane University School of Law, New Orleans, LA 70118. Received Juris Doctor Degree May, 1980.

Activities: Student Judge on the Tulane Moot Court Board (1978-80)

Honors: *Order of the Coif*

Class Rank: Top 5% of class, 9th out of 179. G.P.A. 3.48/4.00

Bar Status: Admitted to Supreme Court of Illinois, 1980, Federal District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 1982 (Trial Bar, 1986), U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 1986.

Legal Experience: **Private Practice.** Since January of 1988, I have been in private practice as a solo practitioner in Freeport, IL. My practice is concentrated in real estate, federal litigation and criminal defense at both the trial and appellate level.

City Attorney. From 1982 until 1988, I was employed as a City Attorney within the Legal Department of the City of Rockford. I was exclusively responsible, both at the trial and appellate level, for defending the self insured City and its employees against any significant personal injury or constitutional claim. see e.g. *Whitt v. Smith, et al*, 832 F. 2nd 451 (7th Cir 1987) *Whitt v. City of Rockford, Ill.*, 700 F. Supp. 391 (N.D. Ill. 1988), *Lindenmier v. City of Rockford, et al*. 508 N.E. 2d 1201 (2nd Dist. 1987). I also successfully defended two taxes enacted by the city pursuant to its home rule powers which were challenged after the city repealed home rule in 1982. see *Royal Liquor Mart v. City of Rockford*, 479 N.E. 2d 485, 88 Ill. Dec. 872 (2nd Dist. 1985) and *Midwest Petroleum Marketing Assn. v. City of Rockford*, 496 N.E. 2d 20, 99 Ill. Dec. 674 (2nd Dist. 1985). I also served as counsel to the City Council's Legislation Committee..

Judicial Clerkship. For the first year after I graduated from law school I served as one of two law clerks to the late Earl E. Veron, Federal District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Lake Charles, Louisiana. While in the service of Judge Veron, I authored two decisions which were adopted verbatim by the Judge and published in the Federal Supplement. See *Adams v. Gaudet* 515 F. Supp. 1086 (W.D. La. 1981) and *Louisiana Chemical Assn. v. Bingham*, 496 F. Supp. 1188 (W.D. La. 1980).

Memberships: Stephenson County Bar Association. President, 1995-96..

References: Mr. John Vogt, Stephenson County State's Attorney, Freeport, IL.
Hon. David Jeffrey, Associate Judge, Stephenson County