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**EDUCATION**

Western New England College School of Law, J.D., 1976  
Activity: Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

Assumption College, B.A., English, 1972  
Honors: Cum Laude

**ADMITTED TO PRACTICE**

State of Connecticut, 1976

U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut, 1977

**EXPERIENCE**

Present: Principal, Law Offices of James K. Kelley & Associates, LLC  
33 Broad Street, Danielson, CT

Presently serving as a probate court magistrate  
October, 2012, to present

Presently serving as a Special Master (Factfinder) for Superior Court Civil Division  
February, 2001, to present  
Includes mediation services for civil cases on fact-finder docket

Previously partner, Jackson Harris Hubert & Kelley, LLC  
245 Main Street, Danielson, CT

Previously sole practitioner, Law Offices of James K. Kelley, P.C.  
33 Broad Street, Danielson, CT

Retired probate court judge for the Brooklyn Probate District  
Served from January, 1987, to January, 2011

Past probate judge, Northeast Regional Children's Probate Court

Past member Executive Committee of Probate Judge's Assembly (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Past chairman of the Probate Assembly Editorial Board for the Connecticut Probate Law Journal

Past service on various probate ad hoc committees

### **PRACTICE/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

General practice involving estate planning, probate, family law including child custody and support issues, Workers' Compensation, Social Security disability, business planning, and Title 19 planning. Practice includes trials and contested hearings in Superior Court, Workers' Compensation Commission, Federal District Court, and Federal Office of Disability Adjudication and Review (ODAR) and Appeals Council.

Experience as a probate magistrate involving contested probate court matters.

Experience as probate court judge involved mediations, uncontested hearings, contested hearings, and trials concerning all aspects of probate court jurisdiction over a 24-year period of service.

### **AWARDS**

Certificate of Acknowledgement "Law Works for People Program" 2003

Certificate of Commendation for Services to the Superior Court Civil Division as Special Master 2001

Citation of Recognition and Appreciation from the Killingly-Brooklyn Ambulance Service (non-profit organization) 1994

### **PUBLIC SERVICE**

Current member, Town of Brooklyn Board of Education  
Elected November, 2011

Current member, Woodstock Academy Board of Trustees and Executive Committee of Board of Trustees

Current member, Democratic Town Committee of the Town of Brooklyn

Occasional educator for Day Kimball Hospital Foundation

Past lecturer and panel discussion participant for Connecticut Probate Assembly seminar  
"Protecting the Elderly from Financial Abuse" – Nov. 9, 2011  
Specific lecture topic:  
"Power of Attorney and Inter Vivos Accounts Under §45a-175"

Past lecturer and panel discussion participant, Connecticut Probate Assembly Judges' Institute program – March 20, 2008  
"Writing Decrees re: Appointment of Conservator P.A. 07-116"

Past panel co-chair for the probate topics discussion at CBA Bench/Bar Professional Symposium on November 2, 2012

Participant as moot court judge, 2012 moot court arguments at Western New England University School of Law

Past board member, Killingly-Brooklyn Cultural Foundation  
Past member and officer, Danielson Rotary Club

Past board member and vice chairman, Brooklyn Housing Authority

Past president, Brooklyn Little League  
Past part-time lecturer/instructor, American Institute of Banking (banking law topics)

Past lecturer for local high school civics class

#### **MEMBER**

Windham County Bar Association & Connecticut Bar Association  
Past member, Connecticut Probate Judges' Assembly

#### **REFERENCES**

Sen. Donald E. Williams, Jr. – 860-240-8614  
Capitol Office, Legislative Office Bldg., Room 3300, Hartford, CT 06106-1591  
Commissioner Ernie Walker – 860-823-3900  
Workers' Compensation Comm., 2<sup>nd</sup> District, 55 Main St., Norwich, CT 06360  
J. Lawrence Price, Esq. – 860-522-3343  
Brown, Paindiris & Scott, LLP, 100 Pearl St., Hartford, CT 06106  
William Gallitto, Esq. – 860-525-5361  
Gordon Muir & Foley, LLP, 10 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT 06106  
Helene Opocensky – 860-742-9106  
37 Woodward Dr., Andover, CT 06232  
Richard Ives – 860-779-3411  
Brooklyn Town Hall, 4 Wolf Den Rd., Brooklyn, CT 06234  
Vincent Russo, Mgr. of Communications & Intergovernmental Relations – 860-231-2442  
Connecticut Probate Court Admin., 186 Newington Rd., W. Hartford, CT 06110

#### **PERSONAL**

Brooklyn resident, married, with two children

Hobbies include reading, listening to music, collecting classical records, tinkering with tube-based audio equipment, jogging, and keeping one step ahead of my children at all times (hopefully).