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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

EDUCATION:

Michigan State University, B.A., 1976;
Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D., 1979

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Solo Practitioner, Lansing, Michigan; General Counsel, Business Investment and Development Corporation, and American Lenders Service Co., Odessa, Texas; Director Legal Services, Texas State Board of Insurance, Austin, Texas; Associate, Winstead, McGuire, Sechrest & Minick; Partner, Cowles & Thompson, Austin, Texas; Partner, Rentea & Whitehead, Austin, Texas; Owner, Rentea & Associates

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND ASSOCIATIONS:

Licensed to practice in Michigan and Texas; also admitted to Western U.S. District, Michigan and Texas; Eastern U.S. District, Michigan and Texas; Southern and Northern U.S. District, Texas; Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit; U.S. Supreme Court; Board Certified, Administrative Law - Texas Board of Legal Specialization

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Representation of insurance organizations (insurance companies, agencies, health maintenance organizations, preferred provider organizations, receivers of insurance companies, risk retention and purchasing groups) and non-insurance organizations (banks, general businesses) on the following issues:

- interpretation of insurance regulatory statutes and rules
- petitioning for the adoption or amendments to insurance regulatory rules
- providing information regarding the scope and meaning of coverage provided by insurance policies and programs
- assisting in the negotiation and procurement of insurance coverages

- assisting with issues regarding workers' compensation
- assisting with issues regarding self-insured ERISA plans
- representation at the Texas Legislature regarding insurance and coverage issues, insurance defense and claims settlement
- formation, merger, acquisition of insurance companies, purchasing groups, risk retention groups, HMOs

LITIGATION / ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS:

Representation of clients in state and federal courts and in administrative proceedings on the following issues:

- antitrust violations
- class action lawsuits
- business litigation
- securities litigation
- validity of state statutes and agency rules
- insurance policy coverage issues
- premium fraud defense

CORPORATE:

- Formation and structuring of businesses and ventures including, but not limited to, franchising companies, employee leasing companies, distributorships, captive insurance companies, insurance purchasing groups, insurance agencies

SPEECHES AND PUBLICATIONS:

Article on Third Party Administrators Statute, *Texas Insurance Law Reporter*, 1988; Speaker, Winter meeting of Dallas Association of Life Insurance Counsel; Speaker - Advanced Licensing Seminar, Administrative Law Section of the Travis County Bar Association, November, 1989; Speaker at various meetings of insurance agent associations and groups; Speaker at various repossession and collectors associations meetings and groups. Speaker, 21st Annual Insurance Law Institute, 2016.