Admitted to practice in District of Columbia, New York and Washington U.S. District Court, Southern District U.S. District Court, Eastern District

## EXPERIENCE

<u>District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education</u>, Washington, DC *Student Hearing Officer*, July 2009 to present

Independent contractor, with responsibity for conducting State-level administrative due process hearings to resolve disputes between parents and the District of Columbia Public Schools arising under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

## Law Offices of Deusdedi Merced, P.C., New York City

## Of Counsel, May 2006 to December 2008

Provided case assessment and management, legal research, drafted legal documents and correspondence for firm representing parents of students with disabilities.

## Attorney, October 2004 to May 2006

Provided representation for parents and private schools on a wide range of school law related matters; including special education and disability laws, student suspensions, litigation in administrative, Federal and State court venues, regulatory compliance, staff development, parent trainings, and publications.

## Office of Legal Services, Department of Education of the City of New York Assistant Deputy Counsel, June 1997 to October 2004

Supervised unit of staff attorneys and paralegals with responsibility for providing advice and representation for school district administrators and staff concerning all aspects of special education and disability law; including policy development and implementation, statutory and regulatory compliance, staff development, administrative litigation, Federal and State court appellate and class actions.

## Attorney, December 1987 to June 1997

Advised school district administrators and staff on compliance with the laws governing the provision of educational services to students with disabilities; litigation in administrative, Federal and State court venues, negotiation and drafting of leases and contracts with private vendors, drafting school board resolutions, and managing Federal and State discrimination claims.

# Law Offices of T. Kevin Murtha, New York City Associate Attorney, June 1985 to December 1987

Represented corporate and professional clients; including negotiation and drafting of commercial documents, civil, criminal and administrative litigation, zoning matters.

<u>Mooney, Perry & Hirschhorn, P.C.</u>, Garden City, New York *Associate Attorney*, July 1984 to June 1985 Represented physicians in medical malpractice defense litigation.

#### **PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS**

Practicing Law Institute, New York City

Program Advisor Ninth Annual School Law Institute, May 6, 2009 Eighth Annual School Law Institute, May 19, 2008 Seventh Annual School Law Institute, May 21, 2007

Program Advisor, Faculty Sixth Annual School Law Institute, May 12, 2006

*Chairperson* Fifth Annual School Law Institute, April 13, 2005

*Co-Chairperson* Fourth Annual School Law Institute, May 14, 2004

*Co-Chairperson, Faculty* Third Annual School Law Institute, May 14, 2003 Second Annual School Law Institute, January 7 & 8, 2002

*Co-Organizer, Co-Chairperson, Faculty* Education Law Institute: Current and Emerging Issues in Special Education, March 26 & 27, 2001

Legal Services of New York, New York City

*Co-Organizer, Faculty* Developing a Section 504 Plan: Academic and Environmental Accommodations for Students with Disabilities, February 8, 2006

Lorman Education Services, New York City

*Faculty* Writing and Revising Student Handbooks and Other School Related Issues, December 19, 2000

Organizer, Chairperson, Faculty The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act in New York, June 7, 2000

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Co-Lecturer*, Topics in Education Law Seminar City University of New York Law School, Flushing, NY, Spring 2004

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Member, Continuing Legal Education Committee, Washington State Bar Association

### **EDUCATION**

*Juris Doctor*, June 1984 St. John's University School of Law, Jamaica, NY

Bachelor of Arts with Honors, Economics, Minor, Mathematics, June 1980 Queens College, City University of New York, Flushing, NY