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Practice Description:

Teaching lawyers how to investigate doctors and cross examine experts. Cross-examining medical and psychological experts for other attorneys throughout the U.S. in civil and criminal cases as well as assisting lawyers in preparing for cross-examination. Multiple magazines and newspapers have featured my practice. Journals include:

Wall Street Journal (3/5/08)
Newsweek 2012
The New York Times, 7/2012
Business 2.0 (June 2007)
Florida Medical Business (7/24/07)
Florida Bar News (8/15/07)
St. Pete Times (7/14/07)
The Plaintiff (California plaintiff's magazine, 7/07)
NJ Esq (4/27/09)
LawyersUSA (5/10/07)
Gainesville Sun (4/30/07)
Chicago Law Bulletin (7/07)
IndUsBiz journal 3/15/08
The Champion, 2/2013

LEGAL EDUCATION:

Oxford University, Oxford, England, summer study in international law, through Florida State University 1980

Holland Law Center University of Florida, Juris Doctor, 1981

AWARDS AND ACTIVITIES:

-Dean's List
-Phi Delta Phi
-John Marshall Bar Association

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION:

University of Florida, B.A. in political science, August 1979

AWARDS AND ACTIVITIES:

-Board of Regents semi-finalist, 1979
-Outstanding Student leader, Spring 1979

- Florida Blue Key Speakers Bureau, 1977-1979
- IFC - Panhellenic Speakers Bureau, 1977
- Sigma Tau Sigma Honorary Tutoring Society
- IFX Scholarship - Travel and Study in France presented by Phi Mu Sorority, March 1978
- Omicron Delta Kappa Honorary leadership/Scholarship Society
- Savant Honorary Leadership Society
- Phi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor society
- Phi Eta Sigma Freshman Honor Society
- Alpha Lambda Delta Freshman Honor Society
- Dean's List, UF College of Arts and Sciences

EMPLOYMENT:

- Current Practice: The Law Office of Dorothy Clay Sims, Esq.
Ocala, Florida
- Partner: Sims & Stakenborg, P.A.
Post Office Box 3188
Ocala, Florida 34478-3188
- Law Clerk: Eighth Judicial Circuit
Public Defender's Office - 1981
- Law Clerk: Airth, Sellers and Lewis
Post Office Drawer 8
Live Oak, Florida
1980 - 1981
- Lobbyist: University of Florida/Student Body
1978 Legislative Session
Later served as Director of Lobbying through 1979
- Reporter: The State Port Pilot
101 Howe Street
Southport, North Carolina - Summer 1979

POST-GRADUATE:

- Member: The Florida Bar from 1982 Designated in Workers' Compensation '84-88. Workers' Compensation Section member, 1985
- Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers 1985, Eagle Member (1996) Task Force
- U. S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, 1982

U. S. District Court, Northern District of Florida, 2004

Marion County Bar Association, 1985 to Present

Treasurer, Marion County Bar, 2000

Secretary, Marion County Bar, 2001

Vice-President, Marion County Bar, 2002

President, Marion County Bar, 2003

Jacksonville Bar Association, September 19, 1996

National Association of Social Security Claimants Representatives

Federal Court, Florida, Northern District, June 11, 2004

Federal Court, Florida, Middle District, October 20, 1982

U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit, November 12, 1995

Traumatic Brain Injury Litigation Group, Executive Board,
2007-2008

Certification:

Previously certified: The Florida Bar, Board

Certified: Workers' Compensation. Not current.

Honors:

Outstanding Young Woman of America, 1982

Who's Who and Why of Successful Florida Women, 1985

Who's Who in American Law, 7th edition

Southern Trial Lawyers Association, member

First woman to chair the Florida Bar Worker's Compensation
Section.

Offices:

Board of Directors, Florida Workers' Advocate, 1991 – 2002

President, Florida Worker's Advocate, 1994 - 1995

Vice-President of Florida Workers' Advocate, 1991 - 1993

The Florida Bar, Certification Committee, Oct. 1991 to 1995

The Florida Bar, Executive Counsel, 1995 to present

Secretary, 1996 - 1998

Chair, June 1998- June 1999

Chair: Workers' Compensation Section, June 1998-1999

Continuing Legal Education Chair, 2002- present

Founder and Former President, Marion County Chapter of Florida Association of Woman Lawyers

FWA Legislative Strategic Planning Committee

Appointed Board of Directors EAGLE Oversight Board

Strike Committee, Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers to help draft proposed workers' compensation legislation for the 1991 session.

Appointments: Appointed to the Department of Labor to a seven-member panel to draft a new Impairment Guide for Florida - November 1990 - December 1991

Teaching: Central Florida Community College
Ocala, Florida

University of Florida College of Medicine, Forensic Psychiatry,

Guest Lecturer: Safety Deposit Law
American Industry of Banking (AIB), 1985
Banking Law, 1984-1985 (AIB)

Central Florida Community College
Ocala, Florida
Business Law, 1984-1985

Published Articles: "The Role of Psychiatric Care in Workers' Compensation Cases" The Florida Bar Journal, Vol. LXIV, No. 7 (July/August 1990) at 45.

Ocala Star-Banner Guest Columnist, "Workers' Compensation Laws Should Consider Workers' Needs," January 18, 1991.

"It's The 90's, Use Protection," News & 440 Report. July, 1995.

8th Judicial Bar Newsletter, guest author, "Improving the Relations Between Attorneys and Physicians," 1996.

Florida Impairment Guide, co-contributor.

"Mismanaged Care," The Florida Bar, News and 440 Report, Fall, 1996 edition.

"The Use of Medical Evidence in Litigation," by Dorothy Sims, 1997, Journal of Occupational & environmental Medicine.

"Impairment Rating of Neurological Disorders", by Dorothy Sims, Dr. Oregon Hunter and Holly Davis, Neurorehabilitation, pages 41-49, 1998.

"Impact on Electrodiagnostic Studies in Attorney vs. Non-Attorney cases," Congress on Electrodiagnostic Studies and Kinesiography, Abstract, published June 2000.

Chapter for e-Medicine. Scheduled for download August 1, 2000
<http://www.emedicine.com>.

"Why Injured Workers Hire Attorneys" Florida Underwriter, September 2000.

"Cross-Examining the Psychiatric Expert," Workers' Injury Litigation Group, Worker's First Watch, Vol.3 No.3, p. 13 -16, 2003.

Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers Journal, 11/03, Number 488.
"Cross-Examining the Defense Psychiatrist/Psychologist," p. 36-38.

Ocala Magazine, Vol. 24 No. 9, 03/2004, "Interview with a Monster," p. 176-177.

Co-Author "Impairment Rating of Neuromusculoskeletal Conditions," e-Medicine.com, Article by Oregon Hunter, MD - last updated 12/16/04.

News & 440 Report, Vol. 26, No. 4, April/May 2005, "Traumatic Brain Injury Often Ignored Potentially Fatal," p. 7-9.

"ELetter" on The Nation, April 10, 2007 at 10:32am,
<<http://www.thenation.com/bletters/20070409/kors>>.

Journal, Publication of the Florida Association of Justice, June 2007, Number 520, "The Myth of Malingering, Diagnosing Dishonesty in the Courtroom: Science or Sophistry?" p. 56-58.

An Autopsy on the Fake Bad Scale, National Brain Injury Society, October, 2010. Lead author

"Criminalization of Pain Management – PWD129" 9/21/2022
Toronto, Canada, Presenting Author: Oregon Hunter, Co-Author:
Dorothy Clay sims

Book Chapter:

Chapter 34 in Litigating Major Automobile Injury and Death Cases, vol. 2, Forensic Sciences, by Karen Koehler and Michael Freeman, "Psychological, Psychiatric, and Neuropsychological Expert Testimony in MAID Cases," Thompson and West, 2006.

Mild Impact Cases and Cross-Examination chapter, Trialguides, *In press.*

Damages Evolving, co-authored with David Ball, et al, 2022
Trialguides II

Published Book

Exposing the Deceptive Defense Doctor 2009,
www.jamespublishing.com
With updates, now two volumes

Radio appearance

John Riolo, "The Insider" on PTSD
Voice of America, L.A., 7/12/07

TV Appearance:

"You Be the Judge"
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
March 20, 2007
Joy Behar 7/2012
On the Record with Greta Van Susteren 7/2012
Piers Morgan Show 7/2012

Speaker:

Has given over 300 speeches which include:

State Bar Associations
American Psychological Association
Florida Psychological Association
American Association of Justice
University of Florida College of Law
California Consumer Lawyers
Florida Criminal Defense attorneys
International Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Association
Ohio Justice Association
Florida Justice Association
Brain Injury Association
North American Brain Injury Society

Medical Societies