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Education: University of Virginia School of Law
Charlottesville, Virginia – J.D., 1993

- Member of the Virginia Tax Review.

Kenyon College

Gambier, Ohio – A.B., Philosophy, 1987

- Summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa.
- Kenyon Honor Scholar (four-year academic scholarship).
- Junior year abroad at Trinity College, Dublin.

Experience: James D. Thomas Law Co. – Vice President

Columbus, Ohio, March 2019 – present

- Commercial agreements, business formation, commercial litigation, arbitration, mediation, restructuring, receiverships, and public records.

James D. Thomas Consulting Co. – Vice President

Columbus, Ohio, January 2019 – present

- Assistance with presentations on leadership topics, including time management, talent development, ethics, and professionalism.

Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP - Associate

Columbus, Ohio, May 2015 – December 2018

- Served as part of a team representing 18 retailers in a suit alleging violations of U.S. antitrust law by Visa and Mastercard.

Shea Law LLC

Columbus, Ohio, December 2014 – May 2015

- Solo law practice involving transactional matters, public records, litigation, and pre-litigation counseling.

Ohio Secretary of State – Administrative Counsel

Columbus, Ohio, January 2010 – June 2014

- In-house counsel for the office in two administrations. Served as the principal drafter of commercial agreements for the office; provided legal support to the agency's Business Services Division, which handles corporate and Uniform Commercial Code filings, commissions, and licenses; assisted with litigation

involving the office, including election litigation; and served as lead attorney for responding to public records requests.

Christopher Shea, Attorney at Law, LLC

Columbus, Ohio, March 2006 – December 2009

- Solo law practice involving transactional work, zoning, and lobbying. Clients included a VC-backed startup that proposed creating a free nationwide wireless broadband network.

Cardinal Health, Inc. – Contract Attorney

Dublin, Ohio, August 2007 – September 2009

- Between August 2008 and September 2009, assisted the company's M&A group with the spin-off of the company's Clinical and Medical Products business into a separate public company known as CareFusion Corporation. Duties included contract review, drafting, and negotiation in coordination with various business units and functional areas. Also assisted with the implementation of a company-wide contract management system.
- Between August 2007 and June 2008, assisted the company's M&A group with the due diligence process in two other transactions.

Squire, Sanders & Dempsey – Senior Attorney

Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio

March 2003 – January 2006, March 2001 – July 2002, and May 2000 - September 2000 (Cleveland); August 1993 – May 1994 (Columbus)

- From 2000 forward, emphasis in complex business litigation, including Chapter 11 restructuring-related litigation and ERISA litigation.
- Bankruptcy cases included *In re Baptist Foundation of Arizona, Inc. et al.* (Bankr. D. Ariz.) (concerning what was then the largest non-profit bankruptcy in U.S. history); *In re AMERCO* (Bankr. D. Nev.) (concerning parent company of U-Haul International, Inc.); *In re Panda Gila River L.P.* (Bankr. D. Ariz.) (concerning transfer of two power stations); and *In re WCI Steel, Inc. et al.* (Bankr. N.D. Ohio) (concerning Warren, Ohio steel plant).
- ERISA cases included *Seaway Food Town, Inc. v. Medical Mutual of Ohio*, 347 F.3d 610 (6th Cir. 2003) (affirming summary judgment on breach of fiduciary duty claim).
- In 1993 and 1994, transactional work, with an emphasis in real estate and M&A work. Assisted with sale of Mid-Ohio Chemical Company, Inc. to Vigoro Industries, Inc.

Law Clerk to the Honorable James D. Thomas

United States Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division

Youngstown, Ohio, March 1995 – August 1997

- Drafted opinions and orders for review by the Court, with an emphasis in Social Security Disability/Supplemental Security Income appeals and habeas corpus cases. Served as Judge Thomas's first law clerk.

Member: American Bankruptcy Institute