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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 (6<sup>th</sup> 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