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- EMPLOYMENT:** 1980 - present (on leave 1999-2003)
Professor
University of South Carolina School of Law
Columbia, South Carolina 29208
Specializing in Children and the Law, Legislation and Statutory Interpretation, Constitutional Law, and Welfare Law. Other courses taught:
Property, Domestic Relations, Health Law
(Assistant Professor 1980-1984; Associate Professor 1984-94)
- 1999-2003
State Director
South Carolina Department of Social Services
P.O. Box 1520
Columbia, South Carolina 29202
- 1995-96, 1997-99
Interim Director
Children's Law Office
University of South Carolina
- 1996-99
Director, Office for Families in the Legal System
Institute for Families in Society
University of South Carolina
- 1993-94
Interim Director
Center for Bioethics
University of South Carolina
- 1977-1980
Associate
Miller, Anderson, Nash, Yerke & Wiener
(Now Miller, Nash, Wiener, Hager & Carlsen)
900 SW Fifth Avenue
Portland, Oregon
Practicing General Litigation and Health Law

1976-1977
Teaching Fellow
Stanford Law School
Stanford, California

1970-1973 and 1968-1969
Field Representative
Office of Economic Opportunity
Atlanta, Georgia

1969-1970
Community Representative
Office of Child Development (Head Start program)
Department of Health, Education & Welfare
Atlanta, Georgia

EDUCATION:

1999-2000
South Carolina Executive Institute
Certificate of Completion

1973-1976
University of Arizona College of Law
Tucson, Arizona
Juris Doctor, with highest distinction
Editor in Chief, Arizona Law Review

1964-1968
Agnes Scott College
Decatur, Georgia
Bachelor of Arts

ARTICLES:

Patterson, Civil Contempt and the Indigent Child Support Obligor: the Silent Return of Debtor's Prison, 18 Cornell J. L. & Pub. Pol. 95 (2008)

Patterson, Congress and Family Law: the Continuing Relevance of Federalism, 25 Ga. State U. L. Rev. 397 (2008)

Patterson, Assisting Clients with Advance Health Care Directives, Merrill Anderson Estate Planning Studies, Oct. 2005 (monograph)

Patterson, Homosexual Rights and the Placement of Children, Policy and Practice, vol. 62, #1, p. 28 (March 2004).

Patterson, Making Medical Decisions for Foster Children, Policy and Practice, vol. 61, #3, p. 26 (Oct. 2003).

Edwards, Young, Brooks, Aiken, Patterson, & Pritchett, Developing Genetic Privacy Legislation: The South Carolina Experience, Genetic Testing, vol. 2, #1, p. 37 (1998).

Patterson, Navigating the Zoning Maze, Family Futures, vol. 1, #2, p. 15 (1997).

Patterson & Andrews, Protecting the Child Against Separation from the Family Environment: Articles 9 and 25 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, Children's Legal Rights Journal, vol. 16, #3, p. 2 (Summer 1996).

Patterson & Andrews, Civil Commitment for Pregnant Substance Abusers: Is It Appropriate, and Is It Enough?, Politics & the Life Sciences, vol. 15, #1, p.64 (March 1996).

“Ask Libba: You and Your Rights,” column in S.C. Youth Connected (foster kids' newsletter), 1995-99.

Patterson & Andrews, Searching for Solutions to Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse During Pregnancy: Ethics, Values and Constitutional Principles, 40 Social Work 55 (1995)

Patterson, Human Life and Human Rights: An Uneven Fit, 68 Tulane Law Review 1527 (1994)

Patterson, Planning for Health Care Using Living Wills and Durable Powers of Attorney, 42 S.C. Law Review 525 (1991)

Death and the Right to Die, S.C. Jurisprudence (1992)

Patterson, Making Health Care Decisions Under the New South Carolina Statute, S.C. Lawyer, Jan./Feb. 1991, p.32

Patterson, The Right to Die, the Cruzan Decision and South Carolina Law, S.C. Lawyer, Sept./Oct. 1990, p.14

Patterson, Health Care Choice and the Constitution: Reconciling Privacy and Public Health, 42 Rutgers L. Rev. 1 (1989)

Patterson, The Therapeutic Justification for Withholding Medical Information: What You Don't Know Can't Hurt You, or Can it?, 64 Nebraska Law Review 721 (1985)

Patterson, Property Rights in the Balance - The Burger Court and Constitutional Property, 43 Maryland Law Review 518 (1984)

Note, Municipal Self-Determination: Must Local Control of Growth Yield to Travel Rights?, 17 Arizona Law Review 145 (1975)

REPORTS AND OTHER PUBLIC INFORMATION PUBLICATIONS:

The Role of Family Members in Making Decisions About Health Care, brochure published by S.C. Office of the Governor, Division on Aging (1996)

Health Care in South Carolina: Where Do We Go From Here?, report of South Carolina Health Decisions (April 1994)

1991 South Carolina Study of Drug Use Among Women Giving Birth, Volume III: Legal Issues, report of S.C. Maternal, Infant, Child Health Council's Substance Abuse Committee (February 1992)

Drafted children's policy statement for S.C. League of Women Voters, 1998

LAW REFORM: Principal drafter of the following South Carolina statutes:

Portions of Genetic Privacy Act, 1998

Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect reform legislation, 1997

Joint Resolution to authorize a pilot dual track child protection system, 1997

Amendments to the Children's Code Reform Act, 1997

Portions of the Children's Code Reform Act of 1996

1988 and 1991 amendments to the Death With Dignity Act

Adult Health Care Consent Act (1990)

Probate Code amendments relating to guardianship and durable power of attorney (1990)

Health Care Power of Attorney (1992)

Mediator to develop compromise legislation re protection of private property rights ("takings"), on behalf of Senator Glenn McConnell, 1998

Reporter, Juvenile Justice Code Reform Project, 1993-95

School-Based Health Services Task Force (Joint Legislative Committee on Children and Families), 1994

GRANTS:

Principal Investigator, "Development of a Pilot Dual Track Child Protection System", \$88,237 contract with South Carolina Department of Social Services, 1996-97; \$129,144 contract 1997-98.

Principal Investigator, Children's Law Office, \$162,000 annual contract with South Carolina Department of Social Services, and \$221,332 annual contract with United Way of S.C., 1995-98.

Project Director, South Carolina Health Decisions, \$20,000 grant from S.C. Humanities Council, 1993-94

Project Director, Children's Code Reform Project, \$20,000 grant from S.C. Bar Foundation, 1993-94

RECENT PRESENTATIONS:

"The Case for Advance Directives: Make Them Work for You," workshop sponsored by SC AARP, January 25, 2008

"SC Women Affecting Public Policy," workshop at Columbia College Leadership Institute, February 26, 2008

"Health & Social Legislation: Advocacy and Impact," at SC Social Work Legislative Day, March 29, 2006

"Advance Health Care Directives for People with Disabilities," at Conference on Life Choices for People with Disabilities, sponsored by National Association of Protection & Advocacy Systems & the Lily Foundation, November 18, 2005

"Relationships Between Non-profits and Public Agencies in Addressing Social Problems," at SC Non-Profit Leadership Institute, November 18, 2005

"Clarity, Organization, and Negotiation in Legislative Drafting," workshop for SC Senate Judiciary Committee staff attorneys, November 2, 2004

“The Research-Policy Disconnect in Child Protection Law,” XV International Congress on Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, July 8, 2003

“State Fiscal Situation: Implications for State Welfare Reform Efforts,” Brookings Institution Conference on “Welfare Reform Reauthorization: National and Southern Perspectives,” November 21, 2002.

“State Challenges as TANF’s Reauthorization Approaches,” at Welfare Reform Reauthorization Briefing hosted by U.S. Senate Finance Committee, March 4, 2002.

Participant in invitation-only “Listening Session” on welfare reform with HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson and his staff, October 22, 2001.

“Substance Abuse Issues in the Child Welfare System,” at Annual Child Protection Conference of the Child Welfare League of America, August 1999.

“The Federalization of Child Support Enforcement,” at Willamette University Family Law Conference, February 27, 1999.

“Juvenile Justice and Child Abuse: Linkages and Common Ground,” at SC Governor’s Community Youth Councils Quarterly Chairs’ Meeting, February 19, 1999.

“Legal Issues in Implementation of a Family Group Conference Model,” at 5th National Colloquium of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, June 21 1997.

“The S.C. Child Protection Reform Act of 1996,” at conference sponsored by S.C. Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, February 20, 1997.

“The New Child Abuse & Neglect Statutory Provisions - What You Need to Know Before January 1997,” at 1996 Family Court Bench/Bar Update, December 6, 1996.

“A Dual Track Child Protection System Utilizing Family Group Conferences,” at 11th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, sponsored by National Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, September 19, 1996

“Protecting the Child against Unnecessary Separation from the Family Environment,” Interactive poster session presented at 11th International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect, August 21, 1996.

“Legal Aspects of Transracial Adoption,” at Adoption-Mental Health Collaborative Symposium, sponsored by Children Unlimited, September 12, 1996.

“Child Protection Reform,” at S.C. DSS County Directors and Supervisors Association Spring Training Conference, April 4, 1996

“Right to Refuse Medical Treatment,” at S.C. Bar CLE Seminar, October 6, 1995

“Multiethnic Placement Act of 1994,” at Seminar on Multiethnic Placement Act sponsored by Children Unlimited, September 1, 1995

"How Faith Communities Can Include Advance Directives in Pastoral Care," Faith Communities Healthy Communities Conference, February 1995

"Health Care in South Carolina: Where Do We Go From Here," various community government and industry groups

"Protecting the Child Against Separation From the Family Environment," Second International Interdisciplinary Study Group on Ideologies of Children's Rights, May 1994.

"Bioethics and Mental Health in South Carolina," S.C. Department of Mental Health, April 1994.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Board of Directors, March of Dimes South Carolina Chapter, 2009-
Public Policy Chair, 2009-

Board of Directors, United Way Association of South Carolina, 1999-
Chair-Elect, 2009-2010
Secretary, 2008-2009

Chair, Public Policy Committee, 2006-2008

Board of Directors, Children Come First, 2009-

Chair, USC Committee to Revise Faculty Manual: Tenure & Promotion,
2008-2009

Chair, USC University Committee on Tenure & Promotion, 2005-2006
Member, 1998-99, 2003-2005

Executive Committee, USC Research Consortium on Children and Families, 2003-
Chair, SC Afterschool Alliance, 2001-2003, Board of Directors 2003-2007
Member, Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Council, 1999- 2005
Board of Directors, American Public Human Services Association, 2001-
2003
Executive Committee, National Council of State Human Service
Administrators, 2001- 2003
Member, S.C. Military Assistance Council, 2000- 2003
Member, S.C. Interagency Coordinating Council for BabyNet, 1999- 2003
S.C. Collaborative on End-of-Life Care (Public Policy Work Group), 1998-
99
Board of Directors, S.C. Council on Adoptable Children, 1997-99; represen-
tative on Covenant for South Carolina's Children, 1998-99
Board of Directors, Friendship Center (provider of services to formerly
institutionalized mental patients), 1998-99
Steering Committee, Pilot Dual Track Child Protection System, DSS, 1997-
99
Work Group on Kinship Care, Prevent Child Abuse S.C., 1998-99
Principal Faculty, USC Institute for Families in Society, 1994-99
Faculty Associate, USC Center for Bioethics, 1995-99
Coordinator, Bench-Bar Committee of S.C. Families for Kids, 1995-96
Chair, Diversion/Dual-Track Subcommittee, Bench-Bar Committee, 1994-
98
Consultant to Family Court Improvement Project, 1995-97
Governor's Juvenile Justice Resource Team, 1997
Lowcountry Children's Center Research Advisory Board, 1997-99
Chair, Policy and Implementation Committee, S.C. Advance Directives
Coalition, 1994-96
Board, South Carolina Health Decisions, 1993-1995
Legal Advisors Committee, Choice in Dying, Inc., 1993-96
S.C. Bar Hospital and Health Law Committee, 1988-1995
Chair, Legislation Subcommittee 1988-93.
Ethics Committee, Palmetto Senior Care, 1990-96 (Vice-Chair, 1995-96)
Ethics Committee, Richland Memorial Hospital Center for Cancer Treat-
ment and Research, 1991-1994
Ethics Committee, Richland Memorial Hospital, 1992- 1999
Chair, S.C. Bar Children's Committee 1991-1995.
Children's Justice Act Task Force, 1994- 1999
Co-Chair, Multidisciplinary Assessment Committee, 1995-98
S.C. Bar Lawyers Caring About Kids Committee 1993-96 (Chair, 1993-94)
Juvenile Diversion Work Group (Institute for Families in Society), 1994-95
DSS State Planning Committee For Family Preservation and Support, 1994-
1995
Health Care Ethics Task Force, S.C. Dept. of Health & Environmental
Control, 1992-1993

Co-chair, Legal/Ethical Task Force of S.C. Maternal, Infant, Child Health Council's Substance Abuse Committee, 1991-92
S.C. Bar Ad Hoc Committee on Compliance with the Patient Self-Determination Act, 1991-92

AWARDS:

Faculty Service Award, USC School of Law, 1991, 2005
Commissioner's Award, (U.S.) Administration on Children, Youth & Families, 2003
National Urban League Partnership for Opportunity Award, 2001
Outstanding Alumna Award, Agnes Scott College, 2001
Distinguished Service Award, Hope Worldwide SC, 2001
Legislative Award, SC Chapter, National Association of Social Workers, 1999
Child Advocacy National Certificate of Recognition, American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, 1997

MEMBERSHIPS:

Order of the Coif
Oregon State Bar (Inactive)
South Carolina Bar (Associate Member)

PERSONAL:

Two children