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EDUCATION

DUKE UNIVERSITY, Durham, North Carolina August 2001-May 2005
Trinity College of Arts and Sciences
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
Minor in History

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY, Sydney, Australia, February 2004-June 2004
Duke University Study Abroad Program

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, Chapel Hill, North Carolina August 2005-May 2008
School of Law
Juris Doctorate

LEGAL AFFILIATIONS

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR, Active
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS BAR, Active
HAYWOOD COUNTY CATTLEMAN'S ASSOCIATION, Counsel of Record
NORTH CANTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, Counsel of Record

AFFILIATIONS

Canton First Baptist Church, Ordained Deacon, Canton, North Carolina

ELECTED OFFICE

Town of Canton, Mayor, November 2017 through November 2025
Town of Canton, Board of Alderman, November 2013 through November 2017

HONORS

DEANS LIST WITH DISTINCTION, Duke University, Fall 2003, Spring 2003
DEANS LIST, Duke University, Fall 2004, Spring 2005
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT, University of North Carolina School of Law, Spring 2006
THE MOUNTAINEER 40 UNDER FORTY AWARD RECIPIENT, 2010
THE MOUNTAINEER READERS' CHOICE AWARDS, Named Best Attorney, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022. Named Top 3 Attorney, 2013 through 2016
HAYWOOD AND JACKSON COUNTY MARCH FOR BABIES, Chairman, 2014
NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP ACADEMY CLASS, Graduate, 2015
THE HUNT INSTITUTE STATE POLICY FELLOWS PROGRAM, 2021

NEWDEAL LEADER, 2021

WORK EXPERIENCE

Smathers & Smathers, Attorneys at Law, Canton, North Carolina

August 2009-Current. Trial attorney dealing extensively in general legal practice and litigation

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

Judge Robert C. Hunter for North Carolina Supreme Court, Raleigh, North Carolina

October 2009-November 2010. Consultant for directing, developing, and implementing campaign strategies and fundraising initiatives for the November 2010 general election.

Patrick U. Smathers for Lieutenant Governor, Canton, North Carolina

November 2005-May 2008. Consultant for directing, developing, and implementing campaign strategies, fundraising initiatives, and speeches for a state-wide 2008 primary race. Active in campaigning and delivering speeches across North Carolina.

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE EXPERIENCE

- Salvation Army Volunteer 2010-Present
- Democracy North Carolina, Board of Directors, Durham NC 2009-2015
- Canton Lions Club, Member, Canton NC, 2010-2016
- Folkmoot USA, Board of Directors, November 2009-November 2014
- Ducks Unlimited, Member, 2011-Present
- Haywood County Recreation Advisory Board, Member, June 2011-June 2020
- Harry C. Martin American Inns of Court, Member, September 2011-Present
- North Carolina Film Council, Member (Appointed by Governor Beverly Perdue 2011)
- National Society Sons of the American Revolution, Member
- Haywood County Schools Foundation, Board Member 2010-2014
- Haywood County Economic Development Committee, Board Member 2014-Present
- North Carolina 30th Judicial District Bar Association, Vice President, 2015-2016
- Southwestern NC Planning and Economic Development Commission, Treasurer, 2015-2016
- Southwestern NC Planning and Economic Development Commission, 2nd Vice Chairman 2016-2018
- Southwestern NC Planning and Economic Development Commission, 1st Vice Chairman 2016-2020
- Southwestern NC Planning and Economic Development Commission, Chairman 2020-Present
- Haywood County Advancement, Board Member 2014-Present
- North Carolina 30th Judicial District Bar Association, President, 2016-2018
- WNC Communities, Board of Directors, 2020-Present

