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EDUCATION:

J.D., 1970

University of North Carolina Law School, Chapel Hill, NC

B.A., English, 1967

Duke University, Durham, North Carolina

EXPERIENCE:

2005-Present

Sr. Member, Rice Law, PLLC

- Provide overall leadership and direction for Rice Law, PLLC.
- Represents individuals on family law issues including alimony, child custody, child support, divorce, equitable distribution, post separation support, premarital agreements and postmarital agreements.
- Licensed to practice law in all trial and appellate courts of N.C.; in the U. S. District Court, Eastern District of N.C.; and in the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.
- Member New Hanover County Bar Association, Fifth District Bar Association, and N. C. State Bar.
- Third generation trial attorney.

1992-2005

Attorney

- Managing Member of the Law Firm of Charles E. Rice, III.
- Represented individuals on family law issues including alimony, child custody, child support, divorce, equitable distribution, post separation support, premarital agreements and postmarital agreements.

1970-1978

Attorney

- Sr. Partner in the law firm of Rice, Myles & Hussman.
- Represented individuals on family law issues, civil litigation, bankruptcy, contract law, criminal law, and real property.

1979-1992

District Court Judge

- Appointed by the Honorable James B. Hunt, Governor of the State of North Carolina, January 1, 1979, upon unanimous recommendation of the Fifth District Bar Association.
- Elected in 1980, 1984, and 1988.
- Appointed Chief District Court Judge of the Fifth Judicial District (New Hanover and Pender Counties) by the Chief Justice of the N.C. Supreme Court on August 1, 1991.

- Presided over Criminal and Civil Sessions (Jury and Non-Jury Trials and Hearings) in New Hanover and Pender Counties.
- Third generation trial Judge.
- Scheduled Civil (Jury and Non-Jury), Juvenile, and Criminal Sessions of Court in New Hanover and Pender Counties.
- Assigned six District Court Judges to preside over Court Sessions.
- Scheduled, assigned, and supervised Criminal and Civil Magistrates in New Hanover and Pender Counties.
- Scheduled, assigned and supervised Indigency Screeners in New Hanover County.
- Assigned and supervised Civil Court Reporters in New Hanover and Pender Counties for Jury and Non-Jury Sessions.

PUBLICATIONS:

Drafted manuals, technical papers and instructions, forms, checklists, and guidelines for:

- New Hanover County Bailiffs
- New Hanover County Clerk of Superior Court
- New Hanover County Bar Association
- Pender County Bar Association
- N. C. Juvenile Officers' Conference
- N. C. Bar Association
- N. C. Academy of Trial Lawyers
- N. C. Conference of District Court Judges
- N. C. Conference of Superior Court Judges
- Administrative Office of the Courts of North Carolina

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

- Drafted and presented papers, talked with, and taught classes for school groups, civic groups, and community action groups.

AWARDS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

- Received "Outstanding District Court Judge" Award from the N. C. Academy of Trial Lawyers -- no other District Court Judge to be so honored
- Served on the Civil Subcommittee of the Conference of Superior Court Judges' Pattern Jury Instruction Committee.
- Served on the Civil Module Committee set up by the Administrative Office of the Courts to computerize Civil dockets statewide.
- Received Resolution of Appreciation from Fifth District Bar Association.
- Received Acknowledgement for Outstanding Service from the judges of the Fifth Judicial District.