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## **EDUCATION**

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**JURIS DOCTOR** (1998)                      *University of Mississippi School of Law.*

**BACHELOR OF ARTS** (1995)            *University of Mississippi. Political Science major. Honors Graduate.*

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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### **ATTORNEY-MEDIATOR**

**Forward Focus, PLLC** (May 2006-Present). Founding member of a firm that provides professional mediation, legal, and consulting services. Individual legal and mediation practice is focused on business and nonprofit law, as well as conflict management training and consultation services.

**Just Solutions** (August 2005-April 2006). Sole proprietor of a private mediation, law, and consultation practice focused on the needs of businesses and nonprofit organizations.

**TENNESSEE ATTORNEY GENERAL** (2001-2005). *Assistant Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division.* Provided comprehensive legal and educational services related to consumer protection and charitable solicitation in both state and federal jurisdictions.

**ATTORNEY JOHN M. RICHARDSON, JR.** (1999-2001). Litigation attorney at a private law firm specializing in creditor rights and insurance subrogation. Supervised administrative and collection staff.

## **PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS**

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- ADR Panel Member & Mediator, United States District Court, Middle District of Tennessee (2007)
- Church/ Religious Organization Mediator through Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (2007)
- Construction Mediator/Arbitrator through Construction Dispute Resolution Services (2007)
- Arbitrator for commercial disputes through the Better Business Bureau of Middle Tennessee (2006)
- Certified Workplace Conflict Management Trainer for Mediation Training International, Inc. (2006)
- Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31-Listed as General Civil Mediator for State of Tennessee (2005)
- National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Michigan (2004)
- License to Practice Law in both the State of Tennessee (1999) and Mississippi (1998)

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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- American Bar Association (Construction Law Section)
- Association for Conflict Resolution (Employment and Workplace Section)
- National Association for Community Mediation
- Nashville Conflict Resolution Center Board Member and Volunteer Community Mediator
- Southeastern Career College Board Member and Part-time Faculty
- Tennessee Association of Professional Mediators
- Nashville Bar Association (Business Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution/ Mediation Sections)