

## RESUMÉ

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### EDUCATION:

- Graduated Smithfield (North Carolina) High School in 1965
- Graduated Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina, in 1969
- Graduated University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) School of Law in 1972

### EDUCATIONAL HONORS:

- Selected for Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Fraternity at Davidson College
- Selected for Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities at Davidson College
- Research Assistant at the North Carolina Institute of Government during the 1971-1972 academic year

### LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

I have been licensed to practice law in North Carolina since August 12, 1972. I have practiced law in Morganton at all times since August 1972. I was a partner in the Simpson Aycock, P.A. law firm until September 30, 2000, when I became a partner at Starnes, Aycock, Haire, Hogan, Saunders & Rigsbee, PLLC. I am a member in good standing of the North Carolina State Bar. I hold the “AV” rating by Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory.

I am a member and Past President of the Burke County Bar Association. I am also Past President of the 25th District (Burke, Caldwell and Catawba Counties) Bar. I am a member of the North Carolina Bar Association. I am certified as a Superior Court Mediator by the Dispute Resolution Commission of North Carolina. I have conducted in excess of 900 mediated settlement conferences. I am a member of the American Arbitration Association Commercial Arbitration Panel.

I have served as Treasurer of the Litigation Council of the North Carolina State Bar, and was appointed by the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee of the State Judicial Council. I am also a member of the Education Law Section Council and the Dispute Resolution Section Council of the North Carolina Bar Association.

I presented "Ethical Considerations in Mediation and Settlement" at a seminar, "Mediation & Settlement: Techniques & Tips From the Masters", on November 21, 2003. This same presentation was given at a seminar, "Major Damages", on April 16, 2004. Both seminars were sponsored by the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers. I also served as a panel member for a seminar entitled "The Renaissance of Professionalism" on October 13, 2006, sponsored by the North Carolina Bar Association Foundation.

#### REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS:

I served as legal counsel for the Burke County Board of Education for 7 ½ years. I am actively engaged in the representation of construction companies, insurers, and the local community college.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

I have been active in civic, community, and church activities.

I am a member and former director of the Morganton Rotary Club. I am a past member of the Morganton Jaycees and the Morganton Lions Club.

I have been a member of the City of Morganton Planning and Zoning Commission.

I am a past member of the Board of Directors of The Good Samaritan Clinic of Burke County and Phoenix Group Homes, Inc. I have served on the Board of Directors of Options, Inc., which operates a shelter for battered and abused women and their children in Morganton.

I am an active member of First Presbyterian Church, presently serving as a Member of Session (Elder) and as Chairman of the Stewardship Committee.

I was a performing member of the Western Piedmont Symphony Orchestra in Hickory from 1982 through 1997. I also served as member of the Board of Directors of the Western Piedmont Symphony.

I am a member of the Knob Mountain Motorcycle Chapter, BMW Motorcycle Owners of America, BMW Riders Association, and Gold Wing Road Riders Association. I am a member, director and former secretary of Mimosas Hills Golf & Country Club.

#### PERSONAL:

I am married to Laura R. Aycock, who is a retired teacher.

Laura and I have two sons, David Woodall Aycock and Samuel Tyler Aycock. David graduated Freedom High School in 1994, Davidson College in 1998, and Wake Forest Law School in 2005. David practices law with Stott, Hollowell, Palmer & Windham, LLP, in Gastonia, North Carolina. Tyler graduated from Freedom High School in 1996, Davidson College in 2000, NC State University in 2002, and the College of Veterinary Medicine at NC State University in 2005. Tyler now practices with Animal Hospital West in Winston-Salem.

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