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DATE OF BIRTH June 14, 1956

OCCUPATION Attorney at Law

LAW LICENSE State of Illinois, 1981 ARDC # 3128728

EDUCATION Drake University Law School
Doctor of Jurisprudence with Honors, 1980

Northern Illinois University
Bachelor of Arts, 1978

Rock Valley College
Associate of Arts, 1976

Boylan Central Catholic High School, 1974

EMPLOYMENT **2006 - present**
Partner, Ferolie & Perrecone, Ltd., Rockford, IL

1994 - 2006
Partner, Ferolie, Perrecone & White, Ltd., Rockford, IL

1982 - 1994
Associate, Lawrence J. Ferolie & Associates, Ltd., Rockford, IL

1981 - 1982
Associate, Ferolie & Boreen, Rockford, IL

TEACHING POSITION **1998 - 2008**
Adjunct Professor of Law, Northern Illinois University College of Law Trial Advocacy, Advanced Trial Advocacy and Trial Team Competition

PUBLICATIONS Perrecone & Fabiano, *The Federalization of Punitive Damages and the Effect on Illinois Law*, 28 N. ILL. U. L. REV. 537 (2008).

Perrecone & Fabiano, *The Fleecing of Seriously Injured Medical Malpractice Victims in Illinois*, 26 N. ILL. U. L. REV. 527 (2006).

Perrecone, *Seventh Circuit Narrows Application of Illinois Common Fund Doctrine in ERISA Subrogation Claims*, ILL. ST. B. ASS'N TORT TRENDS, Oct. 2003, at 4.

Perrecone, *Effective Use of SCR 213(f)*, ILL. ST. B. ASS'N TORT TRENDS, May 2003, at 1.

Perrecone, *Seventh Circuit Decision Trumps Federal Rule of Civil Procedure*, ILL. ST. B. ASS'N TORT TRENDS, June 2000, at 8.

Perrecone & Nelson, *Case Note - Blackburn v. Sundstrand Corporation*, 115 F.3d 493 (7th Cir. 1997), ILL. ST. B. ASS'N TORT TRENDS, Nov. 1997, at 1.

Perrecone, *The Plaintiff's Perspective*, ILL. ST. B. ASS'N IN THE ALTERNATIVE, April 1996, at 2.

**ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION**

Arbitrator, Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Insurance Claims,
1993 – present

Arbitrator, 17th Circuit Court Mandatory Court Annexed Arbitration Program
1988 – present

Arbitrator, American Arbitration Association
1986 - present

Mediator, United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Western Division
Mediation Program
2003 - present

Mediator, 17th Circuit Court Annexed Major Civil Case Mediation Program
1993 - present

**LEGAL ABILITY/
ETHICAL STANDARD
RATING**

Martindale-Hubbell - AV (highest rating)

Selected as a "Super Lawyer" in personal injury law (2010, 2009, 2007, 2006)

Selected as a "Leading Lawyer" in personal injury law and alternative dispute
resolution (2003 - present)

**ADMITTED TO
PRACTICE**

Illinois State Courts
United States Supreme Court
United States Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals
United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois

**PROFESSIONAL
AFFILIATIONS**

American Association for Justice
Illinois Trial Lawyers Association
Illinois State Bar Association
Winnebago County Bar Association
Justinian Society of Lawyers

**COMMITTEES,
OFFICES AND
APPOINTMENTS**

Illinois State Bar Association

Insurance Law Section Council
Secretary, 2009 - 2010
Member, 2007 - 2009

Standing Committee on Legislation
Member, 2004 - present

Assembly Delegate
2000-2008, 1992 - 1998

Task Force on CLE Implementation
Member, 2005 - 2006

Task Force on Unauthorized Practice of Law
Member, 2003 - 2006

Tort Law Section Council
Chair, 2002 - 2003, Member 1988 - 1992 and 1994 - 2003

Civil Practice and Procedure Section Council
Chair, 1991 - 1992, Member 1987 - 1992

Standing Committee on Continuing Legal Education
Chair, 1995 - 1996 and 1988 - 1990, Member 1988 - 1996

Standing Committee on Judicial Appointments
Member, 1988 - 1990

Winnebago County Bar Association

President
2007 - 2008

1st Vice President
2006 - 2007

2nd Vice President
2005 - 2006

Board of Directors
Member, 2002 - 2005

Judicial Liaison Committee
Chair, 2000 - 2001

Trial Section
Chair, 1998 - 1999

Illinois Trial Lawyers Association

Board of Managers
Member, 1988 - 1990

Justinian Society of Lawyers

President, Winnebago County Chapter
2004 - present

Vice President, Winnebago County Chapter
2000 - 2004

Member, Justinian Society of Lawyers
1988 - present

Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education

Board of Directors
Member, 1988 - 1989

Circuit Court for the 17th Circuit, State of Illinois

Mentor, Attorney Mentoring Pilot Program
2009 - present

Member, Peer Review Council for the Circuit's Professionalism Pilot Program
2009 - present

United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Magistrate Judge Mahoney Merit Review Panel
Chair, 2008

Federal Court Mediation Committee - Western Division
Member, 2002

Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Group
Member, 1991 - 1995

AWARDS, NOMINATIONS

Nominee, Professor of the Year, Northern Illinois University College of Law, 2002

Recipient, Honorary Law Alumnus Award for outstanding contributions as adjunct law professor to the Northern Illinois University College of Law, its students and alumni. Presented by Alumni Council, 2001

Nominee, Professor of the Year, Northern Illinois University College of Law, 2001

Recipient, Award plaque presented by trial advocacy students for outstanding contribution and dedication as a trial advocacy professor at Northern Illinois University College of Law, 1998

Recipient, Illinois State Bar Association Board of Governors' Award for outstanding efforts in establishing and expanding the "Law Ed Series", 1989

Recipient, American Jurisprudence Award for excellent achievement in the study of Civil Procedure, Drake University Law School, 1980

**LECTURER AT
CLE PROGRAMS**

Topic: Liens and Subrogation Issues in Personal Injury Cases
Program: "Insurance Law Update 2009"
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association
Date: November 13, 2009

Topic: Closing Arguments
Program: "Civil Procedure Update 2009"
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association
Date: May 22, 2009

Topic: Closing Arguments
Program: "2009 Trial Practice - Pre-Trial Motions Through Appeal"
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association
Date: March 27, 2009

Topic: The Federalization of Punitive Damages and the Effect on Illinois Law
Program: "CLE Buffet"
Sponsor: Winnebago County Bar Association
Date: June 13, 2008

Topic: Negotiation and Adjudication of Liens in Personal Injury Cases
Program: "Hot Topics in Insurance Law"
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association
Date: June 13, 2008

Topic: Cross Examination (Challenging Your Opponent's Theory of the Case)
Program: "Hot Tips for Trials"
Sponsor: Winnebago County Bar Association
Date: May 15, 2008

Topic: The Federalism of Punitive Damages and the Effect on Illinois Law
Program: "The Modern American Jury"
Sponsor: Northern Illinois University College of Law
Date: April 9, 2008

Topic: Closing Arguments
Program: "Civil Practice Update"
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association
Date: May 18, 2007

Topic: Closing Arguments
Program Name: "Civil Litigation Update & Overview of Civil Practice and Procedure"
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association
Date: May 12, 2006

Topic: The Fleecing of Seriously Injured Medical Malpractice Victims in Illinois
Program Name: "Medical Malpractice: Emerging Issues & The Effects of Tort Reform"
Sponsor: Northern Illinois University College of Law
Date: April 13, 2006

Topic: Closing Argument, Do's, Don'ts and More
Program Name: "Civil Litigation: Update and Overview of Civil Practice and Procedure"
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association
Date: May 2005

Topic: Trial Issues – Practical Advice for Succeeding at Trial
Program Name: “Successfully Navigating Civil Litigation”
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association
Date: December 2003

Topic: Amended Supreme Court Rule 213
Program Name: “Update in Tort”
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association
Date: December 2002

Topic: Amended Supreme Court Rule 213
Program Name: “Amended Supreme Court Rule 213”
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association
Date: July 2002

Topic: Mediation - Plaintiff’s Perspective
Program Name: “Hot Topics in Dispute Resolution: What Advocates, Neutrals and Consumers Need to Know”
Sponsor: Northern Illinois University College of Law
Date: March 2001

Topic: The Realities of Representing Clients Who Have Suffered a Mild Brain Injury
Program Name: “Brain Injury Symposium”
Sponsor: Brain Injury Association of Illinois and University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford
Date: December 2000

Topic: Prosecuting Slip and Fall Cases: What Do You Need to Prove?
Program Name: “Litigating Tort Cases Without Going Bankrupt”
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association
Date: October 1999

Topic: Subrogation and Lien Issues
Program Name: “Nuts and Bolts for the Tort Practitioner”
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association
Date: June 1999

Topic: Cross Examination
Program Name: “Hot Tips for Trials”
Sponsor: Winnebago County Bar Association
Date: October 1998

Topic: Subrogation and Lien Issues
Program Name: “Litigating Personal Injury Cases: Recent Decisions”
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association
Date: February 1998

Topic: Premises Liability Update
Program Name: “Get Caught Up! An Update of Civil Practice, Insurance, Mental Health and Tort Law Issues”
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association
Date: December 1997

Topic: Selection of Mediator
Program Name: “Making Mediation Work for You”
Sponsor: American Bar Association
Date: September 1997

Topic: Preparation of Your Case and Client for Arbitration-Counsel's View
Program Name: "Are You Ready to Settle Your Case; the Ins and Outs of Alternative Dispute Resolution, Mediation and Arbitration"
Sponsor: Northwest Suburban Bar Association
Date: April 1997

Topic: Cross examination - Challenging the Theory of Your Opponent's Case
Program Name: "Trial Techniques - Getting a Case Ready; Getting a Verdict"
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association
Date: November 1996

Topic: Preparation of Your Case and Client for Arbitration - Counsel's View
Program Name: "Settling Your Case In Court or Out - Everything You Need to Know and More"
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association
Date: October 1996

Topic: The Plaintiff's Perspective
Program Name: "Mediation for Lawyers - How to Prepare Your Case, Yourself & Your Client to Mediate Successfully,"
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association
Date: December 1995

Topic: Maximizing Damages in the Typical Winnebago County Personal Injury Case
Sponsor: Winnebago County Bar Association Trial Section
Date: June 1994

Topic: Keeping ERISA's Subrogating Hands off Minors' Personal Injury Settlements
Sponsor: Winnebago County Bar Association Probate Section
Date: May 1994

Topic: Aggravation of Pre-Existing Injury/Condition
Program Name: "Proven and Winning Ways in Personal Injury Cases"
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association
Date: November 1993

Topic: Public and Private Recreational Land Use
Program Name: "Recreational Law Update"
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association
Date: April 1993

Topic: Motions in Limine
Program Name: "Civil Litigation Seminar"
Sponsor: Northwest Suburban Bar Association
Date: March 1993

Topic: Getting Witnesses to the Courthouse and Motions in Limine
Sponsor: Winnebago County Bar Association Trial Section
Date: June 1992

Topic: Motions in Limine
Program Name: "Handling and Avoiding Common Trial and Settlement Problems"
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association
Date: April 1991

Topic: Jury Instructions
Program Name: "Effective Trial Presentation"
Sponsor: Illinois State Bar Association
Date: November 1988

**PANELIST AT
CLE PROGRAMS**

Topic: Professionalism
Sponsor: Northern Illinois University College of Law
Date: April 2008
Location: Altgeld Hall, DeKalb, IL
Discussion of the 17th Judicial Circuit Court's newly adopted Aspirational Code.

Topic: Judicial Elections – Candidate's Right to Comment on Disputed Political Issues
Sponsor: 17th Judicial Circuit Court, Rockford Register Star, and Winnebago County Bar Association.
Date: October 2007
Location: Women's Club, Rockford, IL
Discussion of First Amendment free speech rights and Illinois court rules affecting those rights

Topic: Training New Mediators
Sponsor: Center for Analysis of Alternative Dispute Resolution Systems
Date: October 2000
Location: Winnebago County Courthouse, Rockford, IL

Topic: Court Annexed Mediation
Sponsor: Urbana County Judges and Bar Leaders
Date: June 1999
Location: Urbana County Courthouse, Urbana, IL

Topic: Court Annexed Mediation
Sponsor: Kane County Judges and Bar Leaders
Date: November 1995
Location: Kane County Courthouse, Elgin, IL

Topic: Court Annexed Mediation
Sponsor: DuPage County Judges and Bar Leaders
Date: October 1995
Location: DuPage County Courthouse, Wheaton, IL

Topic: Court Annexed Mediation
Sponsor: McLean County Judges and Bar Leaders
Date: June 1995
Location: McLean County Courthouse, Bloomington, IL

Topic: Training New Arbitrators
Sponsor: 17th Judicial Circuit Court Arbitrator Training Program
Date: January 1995
Location: Winnebago County Courthouse, Rockford, IL

**CIVIC
INVOLVEMENT**

Greater Rockford Italian American Association
Chair, 2009 - present
Co-chair, 2004 – 2008
Member, 1999 - present

American Red Cross, Rock River Chapter
Homeless shelter volunteer
1997 - 2009

Rockford Advocacy Coalition for the Homeless
Vice-president, 2009 - present