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PERSONAL RÉSUMÉ FOR MICHAEL S. WOLF

Formal Education

Louisiana State University Law School, 1970-1973, J.D. 1973
Stanford University, 1966-1970, A.B. Political Science 1970
Webb School, Bell Buckle, Tennessee, 1962-1966, Graduated 1966

Court Admissions

Louisiana Supreme Court (Bar of Louisiana), 1973; **United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana**, 1974; **United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana**, 1977; **United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit**, 1983; **United States Supreme Court**, 1984; **United States Court of Federal Claims**, 1994; **United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit** (Bar of the District of Columbia), 2015; **New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division** (Bar of New York), 2016

Trial court pro hac vice admissions: Wayne County, Michigan, 1989; Cook County, Illinois, 1996; Montgomery County, Virginia, 2007

Professional History

Michael S. Wolf, Attorney at Law (Baton Rouge, La.) October, 1992 - present
Sole practitioner general legal practice. Legal work has included trial and appellate litigation in state and federal courts and consultation in numerous areas of civil, criminal, constitutional, and administrative law, including criminal defense, torts, commercial and corporate law, mineral law, family law, successions, immigration law, election law, and legislative analysis. From November, 2016 to July, 2018 the practice was extended to Kingston and Ulster County, New York, with concentration on criminal defense.

Middleton and Wolf (Baton Rouge, La.) March, 1982 - September, 1992
Organization, business management, and operation of a general practice law firm. Legal work included trial and appellate litigation in state and federal courts and consultation in tort, corporate, mineral, immigration, and international trade law. Cases included maritime tort, commercial, constitutional, and mineral litigation; organization of small businesses; criminal defense; successions; and divorces.

McCollister, McCleary, Fazio & Holliday (Baton Rouge, La.) September, 1974 - February, 1982, Partner 1976 - 1982

Legal work included mineral law, corporate law, and civil and criminal litigation, such as: Mineral Law – Acquisition of intrastate gas transmission pipeline right-of-way, including title research, right-of-way negotiations, and expropriation litigation; negotiation and drafting of mineral leases; preparation of documentation for transfers of working interests in gas field; mineral lease and investment litigation.

Corporate Law – Corporate secretary and general counsel of Wolf Baking Co., Inc. 1979-1981; Board of Directors 1977-1981. This was a wholesale bakery with manufacturing plants in Baton Rouge, Lafayette, and Shreveport. Activities included arranging financing; preparing contracts, resolutions, and corporate minutes; negotiating and documenting corporate mergers, sales, leases, and reorganizations; supervising labor, trademark, unfair competition, and tort litigation; and coordinating advertising and executive search programs.

Other Litigation – Banking, tort, and criminal defense litigation.

Hon. Melvin A. Shortess, Judge, 19th Judicial District Court (Baton Rouge, La.)
September, 1973 - August, 1974

Law clerk. Duties included legal research and drafting court opinions in civil cases..

Civic Work

Candidate for election to the Louisiana House of Representatives 1971 and 1995, to the Louisiana Senate 1991, and to the United States House of Representatives 2000.

Libertarian Party of Louisiana: Chairman 1988-1990; Secretary 2001-2007; State Central Committee 1985-1991, 1998-2007; Chairman of Platform Committee 1998-2007.

National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) 1973-1979:
Political activist; organized Louisiana, Baton Rouge, and LSU affiliates; coordinated lobbying, public relations, advertising, and fundraising activities.

Public-interest lobbying:

Louisiana Legislature 1976-1979: Lobbied for decriminalization of marijuana and other criminal justice reforms; originated decriminalization bills SB 421 of 1976 and SB 223 of 1977.

Louisiana Legislature 1987-1992, 2004: Lobbied to expand ballot access for third party and independent candidates. Co-drafter of Act 889 of 2004, which changed Louisiana law to require ballot disclosure of partisan affiliation for most third-party and independent candidates.

Louisiana Legislature 1990-1994: Lobbied against partisan and racial gerrymandering in redistricting legislation.

Louisiana Legislature 2001-2002: Lobbied to amend mandatory minimum sentencing reform legislation; originated Act 45 of the 1st Extraordinary Session of 2002, which corrected major shortcomings of previous legislation.

Louisiana Legislature 2015: Lobbied to improve the Election Code as to ballot labeling for independent candidates.

Professional and Civic Associations

Louisiana State Bar Association, District of Columbia Bar Association, New York State Bar Association 2016-2018, Ulster County Bar Association 2016-2018.

Friends of French Studies at LSU: Board of Directors 1998-2008, 2019 - present. This is a support group for the Department of French Studies at Louisiana State University and for the promotion of French language and culture in Louisiana.

Baton Rouge International Hospitality Foundation: Volunteer Host 1992 - present. This is a hospitality program for foreign students at Louisiana State University.

Other Experience

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army Reserve 1970-1973; U.S. Army ROTC (Distinguished Military Graduate 1970), Stanford University and Ft. Lewis, Washington, 1966-1970.

President, International Trading Services, Inc. 1983-2010. ITS was a small import-export trading and service company that operated intermittently in the south Louisiana and Houston areas.

President, Not One Not Two, Inc. 1977-1980. This was a venture that produced concerts and other theatrical performances in Baton Rouge and south Louisiana.

Writings

A Summary of Buddhadharma (Baton Rouge: Worldwinds Communications, 2015)

Platform of the Libertarian Party of Louisiana, 2003-2007

History of the Libertarian Party of Louisiana (in progress)

www.michaelswolf.com (occasional articles and commentary)

Foreign Language: French

Personal Information

Born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 1948. Married to Lessie M. Johnson, a special education teacher with the East Baton Rouge Parish School System. They have one daughter, Elyse Johnson-Wolf.

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