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Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina 1969.

Masters of Governmental Administration with a major in planning from the Fels Institute of Local and State Government, Wharton Graduate School, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1971).

Juris Doctor (cum laude) from the University of Connecticut School of Law, West Hartford, Connecticut (1979).

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Admitted to the Connecticut Bar and the Federal District Court for the District of Connecticut. Member of the Hartford County Bar Association and the Connecticut Bar Association, Chairman of its Planning and Zoning Section and Member of the Connecticut Association of Municipal Attorneys.

Currently: Town Attorney of Middlefield and Griswold; Special Land Use Counsel to East Haddam Planning & Zoning Commission and Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission; Willington Planning & Zoning Commission and Conservation Commission (Inland Wetlands Agency); Eastford Planning Commission and Inland Wetlands Commission; Westbrook Planning Commission; Old Lyme Zoning Commission; Enfield Planning & Zoning Commission; Old Saybrook Planning Commission and Old Saybrook Zoning Commission; Oxford Planning & Zoning Commission and Oxford Zoning Board of Appeals; Scotland Planning and Zoning Commission. Consulting or Special Counsel to: Enfield; North Stonington Planning & Zoning Commission; the Columbia Inland Wetlands Commission; and, Andover Planning & Zoning Commission. Former: Town Attorney of Andover, 1987 to 1989; Town Attorney of Cromwell, 1994-1998; Coventry Planning & Zoning Commission, 1995-1996; Columbia Planning & Zoning Commission, 1992-1999; New Britain Planning Commission, 1991-1998; Special Counsel to the Hebron Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands Agency and Hebron Planning & Zoning Commission (as required); Enfield Town Council; Consulting Counsel to the Borough of Stonington Planning & Zoning Commission; back-up Land Use Counsel to the Town of Stonington Planning & Zoning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. Appeared before land use agencies in more than sixty (60) towns; argued land use appeals before the Connecticut Superior Courts (Hartford, Middlesex, New London, Tolland, and Windham Counties) and the Appellate and Supreme Courts.

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2000-Present Senior Partner in the Law Firm of Branse & Willis, LLC
- 1985 - 2000 Law Offices of Mark K. Branse, Attorney at Law.
- 1983 - 1985 Partner in the Law Firm of Kroll & Branse, Glastonbury, Connecticut.
General practice, with emphasis in real estate, land use and municipal law.
- 1982 - 1983 Partner in the Law Firm of Twachtman, Tillinghast & Branse, Glastonbury, Connecticut.
General practice, with emphasis in real estate, land use and municipal law.
- 1979 - 1981 Associate in the Law Firm of Twachtman & Tillinghast, Glastonbury, Connecticut.
General practice, with emphasis in real estate, land use and municipal law.
- 1976 - 1979 Part-time Planning Consultant while attending Law School.
- 1971 - 1976 Town Planner/Director of Community Development of Glastonbury, Connecticut.
Resigned to attend Law School.
Worked on the comprehensive revisions to the Glastonbury Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and staffed the Town's Planning and Zoning, Water Resources, Conservation, and Economic Development Commissions; and, its Citizens Advisory and Community Beautification Committees; supervised staff, environmental planner and Block Grants Coordinator.

PUBLICATIONS:

Published article, "Site Plan Review: Ministerial Check for Compliance or Mini-Special Review?", Connecticut Real Estate Law Journal, Vol. 9, No. 5 (1992, p. 74).

COMMUNITY:

Former Chairman of the Glastonbury Citizens Advisory Committee; former President and Secretary of the Welles-Turner Memorial Library Board, Glastonbury; former Secretary of the Glastonbury Redevelopment Agency; currently, Member of the Board of Directors of the Diamond Lake Land Trust, Glastonbury; former Member, Glastonbury Town Planning and Zoning Commission; Member, Glastonbury Chamber of Commerce.

REFERENCES:

Available upon request.