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## ◆ WORK HISTORY

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- 08/06-Present*     **Instructor of Paralegal Studies & Political Science – The University of Southern Mississippi – Gulf Park Division**  
Instructor for Paralegal and Political Science Classes taught through The University of Southern Mississippi's Gulf Park Division.  
-I currently teach two Paralegal Studies Courses and two Political Science Course per semester. Additionally, I am responsible for advising all Paralegal Studies students attending the Gulf Park Division.
- 1995-2007*     **Founding Partner, Robert G. Harenski & Associates, Attorneys at Law**
- Fall-2005*     **Visiting Instructor of Paralegal Studies – The University of Southern Mississippi – Gulf Park Division**  
Instructor for Paralegal Classes taught through The University of Southern Mississippi's Gulf Park Division.
- 04/04-Present*     **Assistant Municipal Prosecutor – City of Gulfport**  
Assigned to conduct arraignments and trials of individuals charged with misdemeanor violation(s) in Gulfport, Mississippi.
- 2000-2005*     **Adjunct Faculty - Depts. of Paralegal Studies and Political Science, The University of Southern Mississippi - Gulf Park Division**  
Instructor for the following Courses: "Introduction to Law in American Society", "Introduction to Paralegalism", "Constitutional Law", "Legal Drafting" and "Equity Practice".
- 08/93-12/93*     **Legal Extern, United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Mississippi**  
Assigned to the Criminal Division. Interviewed witnesses and federal agents, conducted legal research, drafted and responded to motions, assisted in trial preparation, and participated in trials. Assigned specifically to the team investigating and prosecuting the "Sherry Murder Case".
- Summer/93*     **Law Clerk, Mississippi Attorney General's Office**  
Assigned to the Death Penalty and Special Litigation Division. Drafted appellate briefs on behalf of the State of Mississippi in response to appeals filed by individuals sentenced to death.

- 1990                    **Legal Assistant, Compton Crowell & Hewitt**  
Conducted legal research, maintained files, and assisted with discovery and trial preparation.
- 1990-1991            **Substitute Teacher, Biloxi Public Schools**  
Accepted teaching assignments for Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade.

◆ **EDUCATION**

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**The University of Southern Mississippi, Gulf Park Division**  
Some graduate courses completed, and working towards a Master's Degree in Political Science.

**Mississippi College School of Law, Jackson, MS**  
Doctor of Jurisprudence, May 1994

Honors & Activities: Scholarship from the Clarence E. and Katy B. Randall Trust.  
Environmental Law Society - Member.

**The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS**  
Bachelor of Science Degree, 1990  
**Major:** Political Science  
**Minor:** Forensic Science

Honors & Activities: Named Outstanding Pre-Law Student, 1990  
Director of Legal Services, 1989-1990  
Special Prosecutor for Campus Crimes, 1989-1990.

◆ **HONORS, ACTIVITIES & ORGANIZATIONS (Past & Present)**

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Russell, Blass & Walker Chapter of the American Inns of Court - Member  
American Bar Association  
Mississippi Bar Association - Sectional Member:  
    Alternative Dispute Resolution  
    Business Law  
    Estates & Trusts  
    Gaming Law  
    Litigation & General Practice  
    Prosecutors  
    Real Property  
Harrison County Bar Association  
Biloxi Bar Association  
Mississippi Prosecutor's Association  
Mississippi Probation Officers – Presented Continuing Education Seminar on “*How to Testify in Court More Effectively*”  
Mississippi High School Mock Trial Competition – Coached the 2004-2005 Biloxi High School Mock Trial Team to the State Level

Mississippi High School Mock Trial Competition - Judge  
Mississippi HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) Competition - Judge for the  
Years 2003 and 2004.  
Harrison County Land Records Committee  
Certified Guardian Ad Litem  
Title Insurance Agent for "The Security Title Guarantee Corporation of Baltimore"  
Certified in Death Investigation by the Mississippi Coroner and Medical Examiner's  
Association  
Received Letter of Commendation from City of Gulfport for winning largest fine  
(\$125,000) in the history of Gulfport Municipal Court.

### ◆ **AREAS OF PRACTICE**

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**Corporate Litigation Involving:** Experienced in both the defense and prosecution of corporations in matters involving: secured transactions, commercial paper, breach of contract / leases, interference with business relations and wrongful termination.

**Corporate Law:** Formation of corporate entities, conducting annual corporate meetings, negotiating and drafting contracts / leases, and perfection of security interests.

**Personal Injury:** Prosecuted and defended cases involving damage to persons and/or property.

**Criminal Law:** Defense of criminal charges in Federal, State and Municipal Courts. Prosecution of misdemeanors in Gulfport Municipal Court. I have also represented victims of crimes.

**Gaming Law:** Conducted and Assisted in Research and Litigation involving tidelands and bottom lands. Experienced in zoning issues, property acquisition, site approval, master plans and gaming licensure hearings.

**Real Estate:** Approved as a Title Insurance Agent for "The Security Title Guarantee Corporation of Baltimore", conducted loan closings, owner financed transactions, foreclosures, adverse possession proceedings, eminent domain proceedings and defended/prosecuted violations of real estate transaction laws.

**Estate Planning, Trusts and Probate Proceedings:** Experienced in Estate planning, drafting trusts, litigation to dissolve trusts, will contests and general probate proceedings.

**Domestic Relations:** Handled divorces (contested and uncontested), child custody proceedings, termination of parental rights hearings, paternity proceedings and guardianships.

**Youth Court:** Appointed Guardian Ad Litem in over 100 cases for abused and/or neglected children, defense of children alleged to have committed delinquent acts, and of parents charged with abuse and/or neglect of their children. Also served as Special Prosecutor in some Youth Court Cases.

◆ **PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

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Presented Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Seminar for Federal and State Probation Officers – *“How to Testify in Court More Effectively.”*

Presented Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Seminar for the Mississippi Prosecutor’s Association – *“The Trial of DUI Cases.”*

Reviewed (at Request of Ashgate Publishing) for Analysis of Legal Content - *“Comparative Legal Approaches to Homeland Security and Anti-Terrorism”*, By Professor James Beckman.

April of 2008 – Presenter / Speaker at National Social Science Conference – Topic: *“Effective Prosecution of Environmental Crimes in Municipal Court(s)”*.

◆ **EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH PARALEGALS**

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Prior to joining the Southern Miss. faculty as a full-time Instructor of Paralegal Studies, I had substantial experience working with paralegals. This experience not only included hiring, training and supervising paralegals in my firm, but, also included working with paralegals from other firms, with which my firm was associated or consulting.