

EXPERIENCE:

Lawrence Legal, L.L.C.

Member

September 2017 -

Practices primarily in the field of life, health and disability insurance defense, including ERISA and non-ERISA litigation at the trial and appellate level.

Elkins, P.L.C.

Of Counsel

April 2010 to September 2017

Practiced primarily in the field of life, health and disability insurance defense, including ERISA and non-ERISA litigation at the trial and appellate level.

Preaus, Roddy & Associates, L.L.C.

Member

January 2001 to April 2010

Practiced primarily in the field of life, health and disability insurance defense, including ERISA and non-ERISA litigation at the trial and appellate level.

Preaus, Roddy & Krebs, L.L.P.

Associate

October 1995 to January 2001

Practiced primarily in the field of life, health and disability insurance defense, including ERISA and non-ERISA litigation at the trial and appellate level.

Also handled bankruptcy, fidelity, surety and construction law matters.

EDUCATION:

Newcomb College of Tulane University

May 1992

Bachelor of Arts Degree, *summa cum laude*, with honors in history
Phi Beta Kappa

Tulane University Law School

May 1995

Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*
Order of the Coif (top 10%)

ADMISSIONS:

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
U.S. District Court, Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana
Chitimacha Tribal Courts, State of Louisiana

MEMBERSHIPS:

Louisiana State Bar Association
Defense Research Institute

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEECHES:

Contributor and Fifth Circuit Editor for *ERISA Survey of Federal Circuits*, Brooks Magratten, ed. (ABA)
Speaker, “ERISA Attorney’s Fee Awards: Life After *Hardt*,” DRI Life, Health and Disability Seminar, 2014.
Contributor, *Misrepresentation in the Life, Health and Disability Insurance Application Process: A National Survey*, Joseph Hamilton, ed. (ABA 2009)
Speaker, “Life Insurance Update,” DRI Life, Health and Disability Seminar, 2006
Panel Member and Speaker, “Recent Cases of Interest,” DRI National Meeting, Life, Health and Disability Committee Meeting, 2007

REPRESENTATIVE CASES:

Chauvin v. Symetra Life Ins. Co., 422 F. Supp. 3d 1145 (E.D. La. 2019)
Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Company v. Varnado, 2016 WL 2354539 (M.D. La.)
Johnson v. Williams, 163 So. 3d 880 (La. App 2nd Cir. 2015)
Kemp v. Unum Life Insurance Company of America, 2015 WL 12564183 (E.D. La.)
Warren v. Geller, et al, 924 F. Supp. 2d 713 (E.D. La. 2013)
Venable v. Prudential Ins. Co., 86 So. 3d 101 (La. App. 3d Cir. 2012).
Paretti v. General Motors Corp., 91 So. 3d 323 (La. App. 1st Cir. 2012).
Turner v. OM Financial Life Ins. Co., 822 F. Supp. 2d 633 (W.D. La. 2011)
Schexnayder v. Hartford Life and Accident Ins. Co., 600 F.3d 465 (5th Cir. 2010)
Touro Infirmary v. American Maritime Officer, 34 So.3d 878 (La. App. 4 Cir. 2010)
Schully v. Continental Cas. Co., 380 Fed. Appx. 437 (5th Cir. 2010)
Compensation Specialties, LLC v. New England Mutual Life Ins. Co., 6 So.3d 275 (La. App. 1 Cir. 2009), writ den. (2009)
Louisiana Workers Compensation Corp. v. The Hartford, 616 F. Supp.2d 608 (M.D. La. 2008)
Posey v. Standard Ins. Co., 584 F. Supp. 2d 903 (W.D. La. 2008)
Janies v. Metropolitan Life Ins. Co., 247 Fed. Appx. 487 (5th Cir. 2007)
Pulaski v. Standard Ins. Co., 247 Fed. Appx 526 (5th Cir. 2007)
Carroll v. United Omaha Life Ins. Co., 378 F. Supp. 2d 741 (E. D. La. 2005)
New York Life Ins. Co. v. Deshotel, No. 96-31260, 142 F.3d 873 (5th Cir. 1998)
Berthelot v. Travelers Ins. Co., No. 96-3121, 973 F. Supp. 596 (E. D. La. 1997)
Metropolitan Life Ins. Co. v. Hawkins, 970 F. Supp. 550 (E.D. La. 1997)

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Wynn v. Washington National Ins. Co., 122 F. 3d 266 (5th Cir. 1997)