

MICHAEL A. DANFORTH

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Pluymert, Macdonald, Hargrove & Lee, Ltd., Hoffman Estates, IL.

Senior Attorney

July 2012 – Present

Manage and prepare for trial civil litigation cases, primarily in the areas of family law, guardianship, probate and complex civil litigation; qualified as an Arbitrator, Guardian ad Litem and Mediator; represent numerous special interest groups in the area of Second Amendment regulations and laws; represent defense contractors and firearm manufacturers in the area of compliance with federal and state firearm importation/exportation regulations and laws.

Shaw Law, Ltd., Waukegan, IL.

Senior Attorney

October 2002 – July 2012

Managed and prepared for trial civil litigation cases, primarily in the areas of family law, guardianship, probate and complex civil litigation; qualified as an Arbitrator, Guardian ad Litem and Mediator; represented numerous special interest groups in the area of Second Amendment regulations and laws; represented defense contractors and firearm manufacturers in the area of compliance with federal and state firearm importation/exportation regulations and laws. Engaged in litigating federal lawsuits on behalf of federal firearm licensees against the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for violating federal Administrative Procedures Act and unlawful taking of property under the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Daniels, Long & Pinsel, Waukegan, IL.

Attorney

January 2001 – October 2002

Managed and prepared for trial civil litigation cases, primarily in the areas of family law, guardianship, probate and complex civil litigation; qualified as an Arbitrator and Guardian ad Litem; represented several municipalities, from the drafting of ordinances, zoning and land use planning, and giving legal advice to village mayors and trustees.

Vektor USA, Inc., Norfolk, VA.

President

April 1997 – December 2000

Started the U.S. division of a major international defense conglomerate for the South African government industrial giant Denel. Oversaw all legal requirements necessary to establish a federally licensed importation company for the purpose of importing defense articles in accordance with U.S. laws and regulations. Developed and implemented an internationally adopted business plan and marketing strategy to promote and sell highly regulated defense articles to the commercial and law enforcement markets. Advised foreign export companies on legal requirements necessary to manufacture and obtain approval of various U.S. regulatory agencies for the exportation of defense articles into the United States.

Law Office of Michael A. Danforth, Virginia Beach, VA.

Attorney

March 1996 – December 1997

Private practice attorney in the areas of personal injury, family law, criminal, juvenile law and civil litigation; Qualified and practiced as a court appointed Guardian ad Litem in juvenile cases; Practiced in the General District and Circuit Courts of Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Chesapeake, Virginia.

Commonwealth of Virginia, Office of the Attorney General, Norfolk, VA.

Special Counsel

October 1995 – March 1996

Trial Attorney – Division of Child Support Enforcement. Represented the Commonwealth of Virginia in all aspects of child support litigation and appeal work. Responsible for managing in excess of 100 cases per month. Worked with various Child Support Agencies throughout the United States under interstate compact agreements to prosecute non-compliant child support obligors.

EDUCATION

Regent University School of Law, Virginia Beach, VA.

Juris Doctor, May 1994

Positions held: **Regent Moot Court member** 1994-95; **Lt. Governor**, American Bar Association–Law Student Division 1994; **Founding Chapter Member**, American Bar Association – Law Student Division 1992.

Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL.

Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Political Science, December 1986

Positions held: **President** – Northern Illinois University, Student Association; chief executive responsible for managing all aspects of student government; oversaw the second largest bus system in Illinois; managed operating budget of \$750,000.00; lobbied on behalf of University and student interests in Washington, D.C. and Springfield, Illinois; worked with the University President and Board of Regents for the purposes of promoting the general welfare of the student community, 1985-86; and University Counsel 1985-86;

Barrington High School, Barrington, IL.

Graduate, 1981

COMMUNITY WORK

1st Vice-Chairman – Lake County Republican Central Committee, Lake County, IL., April 2016-present;
Precinct Committeeman – Cuba Township Republicans (Vice-Chair), Cuba Township, IL., Elected April 2012-present;

Board of Trustees – Trinity Oaks Christian Academy, Cary, IL., 2009-2013;

Teen Court Judge, Lake Forest, IL., October 2008-present;

DeKalb County Board – Member, DeKalb, IL., 1984-86;

DeKalb County Forest Preserve – Commissioner, DeKalb, IL., 1984-86; and

DeKalb County Home, Health, Agriculture & Education – Committee Member, DeKalb, IL., 1984-86.