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EDUCATION:

Wesley Theological Seminary Washington, D.C.
M.Div. *summa cum laude*, May 2002

The George Washington University National Law Center Washington, D.C.
J.D., May 1994

State University of New York, University at Albany Albany, New York
M.A., Russian Language and Literature, May 1991
B.A., *magna cum laude*, Russian Language and Literature, May 1990

Maurice Thorez Institute of Foreign Languages Moscow, USSR, Fall 1988

ORDINATION AND CERTIFICATION:

Ordained as Elder and Full Member of the Annual Conference, Baltimore-Washington
Conference of The United Methodist Church, Baltimore, Maryland, May 27, 2006
Commissioned as Probationary Member of the Annual Conference, Baltimore-Washington
Conference of The United Methodist Church, Washington, D.C., June 12, 2003

BAR ADMISSION:

Admitted to the New York State Bar (1/24/95), Member New York State Bar Association
Admitted to District of Columbia Bar (12/4/95), Member D.C. Bar Association
Admitted to United States District Court, District of Maryland (9/11/98)
Admitted to United States District Court, District of Columbia (1/27/99)

CHURCH EXPERIENCE:

Kay Spiritual Life Center, American University Washington, D.C.
United Methodist Chaplain July 2002 – Present

- Conduct worship services: Sunday night weekly worship and Thursday night prayer and healing service
- Direct preparation of worship services, pastoral and corporate prayer, selection of the liturgy, and coordination with student worship committee.
- Provide counseling services for students and staff
- Direct student program planning for the American University United Methodist Community
- Advise the United Methodist Student Association
- Conduct Bible studies and discussion groups, including a devotional lectionary-based study and a Jewish-Christian study group in conjunction with the AU Hillel Foundation.
- Oversee student run social justice, hospitality, worship, and discipleship ministries

Kay Spiritual Life Center, American University Washington, D.C.
United Methodist Chaplain Intern May 2000 – May 2002

- Assisted in worship preparation, including preaching, pastoral and corporate prayer, selection of the liturgy, and coordination with team of Protestant chaplains.
- Provided counseling services for students and staff
- Assisted in program planning for the American University Protestant Community

- Conducted Bible studies and discussion groups, including a Jewish-Christian study group in conjunction with the Hillel Rabbi.

Board of Ordained Ministry, Baltimore-Washington Conference Columbia, Maryland
Member July 2008 – Present

- Participate in review of candidates for ordained ministry and probationary status.
- Serve on Conference Relation Committee dealing with changes in clergy status.

Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry Columbia, Maryland.
Member, Ex Officio July 2000 – Present

- Member of Board overseeing campus ministry in the Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Committee on Ecumenical Affairs, Foundry United Methodist Church Washington, D.C.
Chair July 1999 – July 2001

Missions Council, Foundry United Methodist Church Washington, D.C.
Member, Chair of Missions Marketing May 1998 – December 2001

- Was responsible for the promotion of missions activities in the church including the publication of the Foundry Gift Catalog, an alternative gift catalog supporting the work of missions.

Foundry Democracy Project, Foundry United Methodist Church Washington, D.C.
Founder and Chair October 1997 – June 2002

- Founded and directed a social justice mission that advocates for the right of the people of the District of Columbia to representation in the U.S. Congress as a moral issue. Have been successful in education efforts within and without the church;
- Was successful in the adoption by the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference and the General Conference of the United Methodist Church of a resolution in support of full voting rights for the people of the District of Columbia.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

American University, Department of Philosophy and Religion Washington, D.C.
Adjunct Faculty August 2006 - Present

- Teach courses in Philosophy and Religion Department: Religious Heritage of the West; Introduction to New Testament
- Supervise independent study courses in Biblical Interpretation, Biblical Hebrew, New Testament Greek

Wesley Theological Seminary Washington, D.C.
Adjunct Faculty June 2003 - Present

- Teach summer six-week intensive course in New Testament Greek

Private Language Instruction Albany, N.Y., Washington, D.C.
Personal Tutor May 1995 – Present

- Offer private Russian, Koine Greek and Biblical Hebrew language instruction for those in need of review and first time learners.
- Offer English language instruction for native Russian language speakers

State University of New York at Albany, Dept. Slavic Languages and Literature Albany, N.Y.
Graduate Assistant/Course Instructor September 1990 – May 1991

- Taught one section of Russian 101 and 102 language courses; taught all sections of Russian 103 and 104.

Brunswick Central School District Troy, N.Y.
Substitute Teacher Spring 1989

- Instructed Russian language classes during absence of Russian language teacher.

- Prepared class assignments, all course tests and instruction plans

**American College of Teachers of Russian
US-USSR High School Students Exchange
Program Assistant and Instructor**

Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
Summer 1988

- Coordinated programs and assisted in day-to-day planning and instruction of summer exchange program between American and Soviet high school students.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

**Law Offices of Mark A. Schaefer
Attorney**

Washington, D.C.
July 1999 – Present

- Sole Practitioner in part-time private practice. Practice areas include general practice, civil liberties (including First Amendment and religious liberty), legislative law, wage actions, involuntary servitude litigation, and registered agent services.

**Sprenger & Lang, P.L.L.C.
Summer Associate**

Washington, D.C.
May 2001 – August 2001, April 2002

- Attorney in employment law firm specializing in class action employment discrimination and worker benefits cases. Assisted with research and preparation of litigation documents in ERISA and other employment related actions.

**District of Columbia Insurance Federation
Interim Executive Director**

Washington, D.C.
July 1999 – November 1999

- Managed state trade association specializing in areas of insurance regulation; published weekly newsletter reporting on legislative and regulatory developments in the area of insurance.

**Mirel & Alegi/Law Offices of Lawrence H. Mirel
Attorney**

Washington, D.C.
November 1996 – July 1999

- Associate attorney in D.C. legislative law firm, specializing in legislative and lobbying services for the insurance and financial services industry; drafted legislation, including a major portion of the Business and Regulatory Reform Amendment Act of 1998; assisted with provision of pre-paid legal plan for licensed clinical social workers; general practice.

**Serge Bauer, P.C.
Attorney**

Washington, D.C.
August 1995 – July 1996

- Associate attorney in small international and immigration law firm; responsibilities included preparation of immigrant petitions, appearances in immigration court and before the Immigration and Naturalization Service, preparation and drafting of various commercial and trade instruments, legal memoranda and briefs.

**Law Offices of I.S. Weissbrodt
Attorney/Law Clerk**

Washington, D.C.
November 1994 – June 1996

- Assisted with various legal and administrative matters, including litigation support, client relations, and legal research..

**New York Civil Liberties Union
Volunteer Lawyer**

Albany, NY
September 1994 – November 1994

- Assisted executive director with public requests for assistance from the New York Civil Liberties Union; researched facts of each case request, the applicable law, and drafted relevant memoranda.

**The George Washington University National Law Center
Research Assistant**

Washington, D.C.
August 1993 – May 1994

- Assisted Jerome A. Barron, Lyle T. Alverson Professor of Law, with legal research in matters of First Amendment and communications law, and with preparation of course materials.

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Coalition for D.C. Representation in Congress (DCVote)

Washington, D.C.

Board of Directors

November 1999—Present

- Sit on board of non-profit, public interest organization, which advocates for the provision of full and equal voting representation for the people of the District of Columbia in the United States Congress.
- Drafted organization's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.
- Former Vice-chair; Member, Executive Committee of the Board

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

**Campaign for Migrant Domestic Workers' Rights
Volunteer Attorney**

Washington, D.C.
Spring 1998—2002

PUBLICATIONS:

Christian Ethics and Voting Rights for the District of Columbia 2002

Musical compositions:

My Heart is Steadfast 2007
Make a Joyful Noise 2001
The Passion According to St. Mark 2000
A Song for Mission Sunday 1999
The Hebraica Cycle 1997

LANGUAGES:

- Fluent in Russian; Proficient in Hebrew (Israeli and Biblical), Greek (*Koine*), German, and French; knowledge of Syriac Aramaic, Serbo-Croatian, and Bulgarian

PERSONAL:

- Computer skills: proficient with various applications including Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Word Perfect, PageMaker, Dreamweaver, Accordance, and FileMaker.
- Musical interests: play piano and bass guitar; sing tenor; compose music (choral and popular), write lyrics.