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## CAREER EXPERIENCE

### **John DeGroote Services, LLC**

**Dallas, Texas**

*President*

*December 2009 - Present*

- Serve as the Liquidating Trustee to the BearingPoint, Inc. Liquidating Trust through John DeGroote Services, LLC.

### **BearingPoint, Inc./KPMG Consulting, Inc.**

**McLean, Virginia and Dallas, Texas**

*President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary  
Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer*

*August 2009 - December 2009  
December 2008 - August 2009*

- Led the wind-down of a global consulting firm in connection with its Chapter 11 filing.
- Led all legal aspects of BearingPoint's liquidation efforts from December 2008 through 2009; began 2009 as a \$3 billion consulting firm with over 15,000 employees doing business in over 60 countries with a legal team comprised of 40 lawyers in 10 countries.
- Key negotiator and leadership role in:
  - Asset sales recovering over \$522 million in proceeds and placing almost 80% of employee base through 2009.
  - Global settlement with secured lenders and unsecured creditors.
  - Plan of Liquidation development.
- Served on the Company's Executive Committee, attended and participated in Board and Board committee meetings, and regularly communicated with and advised the Company's CEO and leadership team from December 2008 through their departures.
- Served as a Board member on 39 direct and indirect subsidiaries of BearingPoint, Inc.; issues included intercompany funding requirements, solvency determinations, compliance with formal corporate requirements, and attention to corporate governance matters.

*General Counsel/Contracts, Litigation and Risk  
Deputy General Counsel*

*February 2008 - December 2008  
November 2004 - February 2008*

- Led a team of over 40 lawyers throughout 2008; responsible for all client-facing contracts, vendor contracts, alliance agreements, intellectual property, litigation and insurance on a global basis.

*Chief Litigation Counsel*

*August 2000 - December 2008*

- Responsible for all litigation efforts and results on a global basis; practice environment included separation from accounting firm KPMG LLP, formation of a new legal department, KPMG Consulting's initial public offering, approximately 30 acquisitions, two restatements, an Audit Committee investigation, two formal SEC investigations, several additional governmental inquiries and investigations, multiple reductions in force, three CEOs, two General Counsels, and post-separation claims against the Company by or against a majority of departing C-level executives.
- Served as the primary point of contact/facilitator to Audit Committee counsel during the Company's 2005 - 2006 Audit Committee investigation.

**McKool Smith, P.C.**  
*Associate*

**Dallas, Texas**  
*September 1997 - August 2000*

- Maintained a complex commercial and intellectual property litigation practice while responsible for a personal client base that included a regional Internet service provider, a nationwide telecommunications company, a technology venture capital fund, and others.

**First USA, Inc./First USA Paymentech, Inc.**  
*Vice President and Counsel*

**Salem, New Hampshire and Dallas, Texas**  
*January 1994 - August 1997*

- Developed and executed nationwide litigation strategies for First USA, Inc. and separately traded First USA Paymentech, Inc.
- Regularly negotiated significant contracts with customers and vendors; responsibilities included one significant acquisition and frequent service to First USA's capital markets subsidiary.
- Prepared the 1997 Strategic Plan for the company's market-leading Internet/direct marketing subsidiary, its first.

**Jackson & Walker, L.L.P.**  
*Associate*

**Dallas, Texas**  
*September 1990 - January 1994*

- Conducted trials, depositions, hearings and mediations in complex commercial litigation matters while managing the nationwide litigation docket for then-emerging retailer CompUSA Inc.

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

**Duke University School of Law**  
*Juris Doctor*

**Durham, North Carolina**  
*May 1990*

**Mississippi State University**  
*Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude*

**Starkville, Mississippi**  
*May 1986*

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Licensed to Practice Before:

Supreme Court of Virginia	2001 - present
Supreme Court of Texas	1990 - present
Board of Directors, Duke Law School Alumni Association	2005 - present
Board of Directors, Texas General Counsel Forum, DFW Chapter	2007 - present
Chair	2009
Association of Corporate Counsel National Litigation Committee	2002 - 2008
Chair	2007 - 2008

## MISCELLANEOUS

- Publish "Settlement Perspectives," a professional website, at [www.settlementperspectives.com](http://www.settlementperspectives.com).
- Faculty, National Institute for Trial Advocacy's Southern Regional Program, 2006 and 2007
- Mediation Training, Pepperdine University School of Law's Straus Institute, 2005
- Finisher, New York City Marathon, Hood to Coast Relay (Portland), Dallas White Rock Marathon
- Majority Floor Page, United States Senate, 1982 - 1983
- Eagle Scout