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PERSONAL

- Born October 31, 1955, Ypsilanti, MI
- Married Elizabeth Collins, May 7, 1982
- Six children: Elizabeth, 28; Andrew, 26; Samuel, 24; James, 21; Isaiah, 18; Phoebe, 12
- Two grandchildren: Evangeline, 2; Andrew, 8 months

EDUCATION

- June 1987 Detroit College of Law
J.D., summa cum laude
Academic Honors:
- ABA Section on Urban, State and Local Government Book Award
 - Am Jur Book Awards (highest grade in class)
 - Property I and II
 - Evidence
 - Professional Responsibility
 - Criminal Procedure
 - Staff Member, Detroit College of Law Review, 1985-86
 - Philip C. Baker Award for Academic Achievement, 1984-85 academic year
- June 1983 Eastern Michigan University
Bachelor of Science criminal justice

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2008 - PRESENT Fink & Valvo, PLLC - Attorney at Law
General practice including:
- Civil litigation
 - Misdemeanor criminal defense
 - Municipal law
 - Real estate
 - Commercial transactions
 - Small business representation
 - Landlord-tenant matters
- 1998 – 2008 Reach, Reach, Fink & Valvo, P.C. – Attorney at Law
General civil practice including:
- Litigation
 - Landlord-tenant matters
 - Real estate
 - Commercial transactions
 - Municipal liability

- 1977 –1998
 - Zoning
 - Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department
 - Commander (1995-1998)
 - First Lieutenant (1987-95)
 - Administrative Sergeant (1986-87)
 - Sergeant (1985-86)
 - Deputy Sheriff (1978-85)
 - Corrections Officer (1978)
 - Marine Deputy (1977)
 - Duties included:
 - Administration of Police Services Division of Sheriff's Department (approximately 150 employees)
 - Delivery of services to all areas of county dependent on Sheriff's Department for police services
 - Responding to requests under the Freedom of Information Act
 - Acting as liaison with Office of Corporation Counsel to arrange legal advice for the sheriff and department
 - Serving as law clerk to Office of Corporation Counsel
 - Conduct internal investigations into alleged employee misconduct and recommend course of action and disposition
 - Policy formulation, analysis and revision
 - Management of police contracts with municipalities
 - Management of Criminal Investigations Section (detectives)
 - Supervision of patrol deputies and dispatchers performing shift work

- 1976-77 Eastern Michigan University Police Department - Police Officer, Dispatcher (1976-77)

PRESENTATIONS/TEACHING

- 1999-Present Washtenaw Area Apartment Association – Presenter, Annual Landlord-Tenant Seminars

- 1996-97 Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan - Instructor, Personal Protection Order Seminars conducted throughout the state

- 1993-97 Washtenaw Community College - Instructor, Department of Natural Resources Parks Officer Academy. Instructor for Parks Officer Law and Authority, Criminal Law, Search and Seizure, Evidence, Admissions and Confessions

- 1988 Washtenaw Community College - Instructor, Correctional Institutions

PUBLICATIONS

Co-author, *Michigan Criminal Law and Procedure*, Michigan Sheriff's Association, 1998

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Supervisory / Management / Administrative

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| 1990 | Criminal Justice Management Institute Executive Development for Criminal Justice Managers |
| 1988 | Northwestern University Traffic Institute 24th School of Police Staff and Command |
| 1985-1996 | Numerous seminars and updates on labor issues, personnel law, conducting oralboards, supervision, managing traffic services units, etc. |

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department

- Distinguished Service Award, Meritorious Service Award,
- Administrative/Professional Excellence Award, Unit Citation Award

Ann Arbor (MI) Police Department

- Unit Citation Award

Domestic Violence Project/SAFE House

- Distinguished Service Award

Rotary Club of Ann Arbor North

- Citizen of the Year 1998

Washtenaw Area Apartment Association

- Chapter President's Award 2010

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- State Bar of Michigan (Fellow, State Bar of Michigan Foundation)
- Washtenaw County Bar Association
- Ypsilanti Bar Association
- Michigan Tactical Officers' Association (former member)
- Command Officers Association of Michigan (former member)

COMMUNITY SERVICE - BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

2011-Present Chair, 1999-2003	Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board
Nov. 2010-Present	City of Ypsilanti Charter Commission (elected)
2006-Present; 1997- 2003 Board Chair, 2008-2010	Dawn Farm Board of Trustees
2008-2011 Legislative Committee Co-Chair, 2008-2011	Washtenaw Area Apartment Association Board of Directors
2008-2010	Hope Clinic (Ypsilanti) Capital Campaign Committee
1999-2003 Board of Elders, 2010-Present	St. Luke Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor - Church Council
2007-2008	Salvation Army Staples Center Festive Affair Board
1996-1999	City of Ypsilanti Human Relations Commission
	Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council / Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board (DVPTB) Training Curriculum and Model Policy Committees
	MDVPTB / Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan Personal Protection Order Implementation Committee
	Michigan Judicial Institute Sexual Assault Benchbook Review Committee
	Catholic Social Services Alternatives to Domestic Aggression Advisory Board