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#### MOVIEMAKING EXPERIENCE

In April 2013, I finished producing ***White Rock Boxing*** – a 56-minute documentary about a local boxing gym. The film originated from my notion that this old-school boxing gym could exemplify the discipline involved in the sport, and the diversity and goodwill of the boxing community. As executive producer, I put the project together. I also conducted the interviews, directed a film crew, and helped with the editing. ***White Rock Boxing*** first aired on South Carolina ETV on August 8, 2013 and again in August 2014. It won honorable mention at the Sunset Los Angeles Film Festival in 2013. ***White Rock Boxing*** was selected for the Olive Tree TV's online film festival, August 25-27, 2014, and is now available on Amazon Instant Video.

In April and May 2013, I wrote and directed a scripted short about Social Security disability hearings. The film, a 20-minute comedy entitled "Disability," is available on Amazon Video. I was in charge of the script, choosing the actors and the costumes, and directing the acting.

"The Art House," my 9-minute short about a local artist who uses the interior of her house as a canvas, has been accepted at 21 festivals and won several awards. (See [www.shortsshowcase.com](http://www.shortsshowcase.com), 2015 entries, scroll down.). The Shorts Showcase from Palm Springs, California, will include "the Art House" in its nationally broadcast show, on PBS, of short films.

My 30-minute film about a legal battle with a private water company, "Water Women," was released in May 2015. I have also directed "Queen of the Road," about a female truck driver, and "Disaster Man," an experimental film. "Queen of the Road" won best TV pilot at the 2016 Long Beach Indie film festival ([www.longbeachindie.com](http://www.longbeachindie.com)).

#### EDUCATION

B.A. in English, St. Lawrence University, 1980; Phi Beta Kappa

Master's in English, Duke University, 1981

J.D. University of South Carolina, 1992

I have taken some graduate courses in Social Work at the University of South Carolina.

#### PUBLICATIONS

***Social Security Disability Practice***, published by Knowles Publishing in 2008.

***Family Meal***, a novel published by Carolina Wren Press, 1993.

***Start Your Own Law Practice***, published by Entrepreneur Press, 2005.

Contributed a section on Brussels ***to the Rough Guide to Belgium, Holland, and the Netherlands***, circa 1988.

Several short stories in small publications such as ***Aethlon***, and ***the Distillery***.

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

Solo law practice, October 1995 to the present, specializing in employment law, family law, water utility law, and Social Security disability cases. Qualified as a mediator in civil cases, state and federal courts, and as an NASD arbitrator.

Associate Attorney for Cromer & Mabry, December 1994 to October 1995

Solo law practice, 1993 to December 1994.

Journalist, part-time, Belgian Weekly Gazette, 1985-1988

Duke Library System, 1981 to 1984.

#### REFERENCES

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