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FRED D. (TONY) THOMPSON II, ESQ.

SUMMARY OF SKILLS

- Highly regarded legislative strategist with over 26 years government affairs experience
- Excels in managing complex legislation & political strategy for multiple clients
- Solid non-partisan relationship building history & understanding of political & governmental process
- Extensive network building ability among state advocates & key officials
- Result driven strategist

AFFILIATIONS

- Nashville Bar Association
- Tennessee Bar Association
- National Assoc. of State Lobbyists-Bd..of Dir.
- Tennessee Lobbyists Association-Bd. of Dir.
- Friendship House-Bd. of Dir.
- Past Bd. of Dir.-21st Jud. Dist. Drug Task Force
- Past Brentwood Planning Commissioner
- Past Chairman - City Board of Zoning Appeals

EDUCATION

- ❖ University of Memphis School of Law
Juris Doctor-1992
- Chosen by peers to speak at Commencement
- Elected Student Bar Governor 1989-1991
- ❖ Belmont University Nashville Tennessee
Bachelor of Science-1989
- Major: Political Science
- Minors: Philosophy & Business Administration
- Recipient - Outstanding Political Science Student of the Year 1989
- Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society
- Phi Sigma Tau Philosophy Honor Society

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Attorney-Government Relations Lobbyist

2000 - Present

Serves as lead political strategist and legislative advocate on numerous state issues. Manages legislative initiatives and defenses for multiple clients, representing special interests at the executive, legislative, attorney general and state agency levels of government. (2000-2004, Of Counsel & Director of Government Relations to law firm Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP)

Key Accomplishments: Successfully negotiated legislative proposals which increased or protected millions of dollars in client revenue. Provided leadership role in passage of numerous pieces of complicated legislation. Effectively shepherded bill and grass roots effort prohibiting administrative regulation of client activity. Defeated numerous onerous bills on behalf of clients. Secured key provisions in administrative rulemaking process for clients.

Farris, Mathews, Branam & Hellen PLC

1995 – 1999

Attorney-Lobbyist

Assisted opening of Nashville office for Memphis based law firm, representing clients at administrative hearings and at the local, state and federal levels of government. Facilitated business and government relations for clients. Drafted, monitored and lobbied legislation at the state level.

Key Accomplishments: Successfully led team of lobbyists against alcohol industry opposition to delete container-size regulation. Facilitated passage of 1995 Telecommunications Act. Secured key provisions in annexation laws impacting over 300 cities and 95 counties in Tennessee. Successfully challenged non-profit tax status. Helped develop client grassroots program. Built firm legislative client base.

Tennesseans For Thompson

1993 - 1994

Campaign Advisor

Provided political strategy and supervised statewide grassroots campaign. Served as surrogate speaker for candidate and campaign liaison to advocacy and special interest groups. Coordinated specific fundraising events.

Key Accomplishments: Raised record amounts at young professional fundraising events. Established and maintained key special interest relationships and coordinated activities leading to record voter turnout in statewide election.

Law Offices of Fred D. Thompson

1992 - 1994

Associate Attorney

Civil litigation and criminal defense in state and federal courts.

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