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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Michael Preservation Group, LLC, Davidson, NC

Principal Consultant, January 2007-present (part-time)

- Participate in resource teams as the historic preservation specialist for the Small Town Area Revitalization (STAR) program sponsored by Central Park of North Carolina, a heritage and nature-based tourism group. Participating towns include Star, Badin, Ellerbe, and Denton, all in the Piedmont of North Carolina.
- Assist developers and architects with the federal and statewide rehabilitation tax credits for historic properties, including overseeing the application submittals to the National Park Service (NPS).
- Participate in resource teams for the Commission Assistance & Mentoring Program (CAMP) sponsored by the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, with instructional material focused on the legal issues for local historic preservation commissions: takings, economic hardship, procedural due process, and conflicts of interest. Communities served include Jonesborough, TN, Windsor, VT, Denver, CO, Portland, ME, Eureka Springs, AR, Newark, NJ, Columbus, OH, Brunswick, GA, Norfolk, VA, Littleton, CO, Decatur, AL, Trenton, NJ, and Aberdeen, SD.

Historic Charlotte, Charlotte, NC

Executive Director, 2005-2007

- Managed a small non-profit organization, including strategic development, board management, fundraising and grant writing, volunteer coordination, membership, and community outreach.
- Responsible for all aspects of historic preservation programs, including a History Learning Series, Preservation Week activities, administering the Leaky Roof Fund, and helping to create an African-American heritage tour of Charlotte. Individual advocacy efforts included projects such as the redevelopment of the Carolina Theatre and the Elizabeth Lawrence House and Garden.
- Led a team of volunteers in planning the major annual fundraiser, "Blast from the Past", which on average raised over \$40,000.

Preservation North Carolina, Shelby, NC

Director, Southwest Regional Office and General Counsel, 2004- 2005

- Opened a new regional office for the statewide preservation organization, bringing technical community assistance and preservation services to a 24-county region, including all of western North Carolina.
- Responsible for marketing and selling of historic real estate holdings, fundraising, organizational development, and advocacy in this region, including the commercial redevelopment for mixed use of the old Loray/Firestone Mill, a 660,000 sq. ft. textile mill in Gastonia.
- Advised President and Board of Directors on legal matters pertaining to easements, real estate, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) re-licensing, historic preservation laws, and

general corporate matters.

National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, DC

Assistant General Counsel, 1999- 2004

- Represented the Trust in all phases of preservation litigation around the country, including legal research and strategy, drafting intervention memoranda, briefs, and other pleadings, and managing relationships with outside legal counsel.
- Represented the Trust in successfully negotiating a Nationwide Programmatic Agreement between the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Native American tribal representatives, industry trade groups, and cultural heritage representatives to address the location of telecommunications towers and their visual effect on historic properties.
- Responsible for all trademark issues, in consultation with outside counsel, including applications, renewals, and potential trademark infringements.
- Responsible for corporate law matters, including monitoring and responding to easement compliance issues, managing trust disbursements for historic properties, and estate matters.
- Managed the Legal Internship Program for the department, including hiring and supervising 4-5 law school interns each summer.

EDUCATION

University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, GA

Juris Doctor, May 1999

- Equal Justice Foundation Public Interest Law Fellowship recipient; Vice President, Georgia Society of International and Comparative Law; City University of Hong Kong, Summer 1997.

University of Georgia School of Environmental Design, Athens, GA

Master of Historic Preservation, May 1999

- D.A.R. Caldwell Scholarship and Colonial Dames Scholarship recipient. Relevant coursework in urban planning, architectural history and historic preservation. Master's Thesis: Where East Meets West: A Comparison of US and Chinese Historic Preservation Laws.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, May 1995

- Phi Beta Kappa, Shell Century III Scholarship recipient; Denmark's International Study Program, Copenhagen, Denmark, Spring, 1994; Alpha Delta Pi sorority (treasurer); UNC Crew team.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University Of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Historic Preservation Law and Planning, Department of Interior Architecture, graduate course, Spring semesters, 2005-2009.

University Of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, NC

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Historic Preservation Law and Planning, Department of History, graduate course, Fall semester, 2006.

University Of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Historic Preservation Planning, Department of City and Regional Planning, graduate course, Spring semesters, 2004, 2005.

Goucher College, Baltimore, MD

Course Instructor, Historic Preservation Law, Department of History and Historic Preservation, graduate course, Spring quarter, 2003.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Preservation of Historic Religious Properties, Guest Lecturer, Columbia University, New York, NY, March 4, 2009.

Bulletproof: Defensible Decision-Making for Boards of Architectural Review, Speaker, South Carolina Statewide Historic Preservation Conference, Columbia, South Carolina, March 28, 2006.

International Charters and Legislation for Preservation and Conservation, Guest Lecturer, Columbia University, New York, New York, February 4, 2003.

Preservation Commission Short Course, Instructor, National Preservation Conference, Providence, RI, October 16, 2001; Cleveland, Ohio, October 8, 2002; Denver, CO, September 30, 2003.

Cultural Resource Listing in The United States, Panelist, Heritage Conservation Law Conference, US-ICOMOS, Athens, Georgia, April 4, 2002.

Historic Preservation Law in the United States, AINOVA, Guest Lecturer, Bratislava, Slovakia, May 7-11, 2001, March 4-8, 2002.

Religious Land Use & Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA): History and Update on Relevant Case Law. Instructor, ALI-ABA Historic Preservation Law CLE course, Cleveland, Ohio, October 7, 2002.

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

RLUIPA: Four Years Later, Preservation Law Reporter, 20 PLR 1169 (2002-03).

COMMUNITY & BOARD AFFILIATIONS

District of Columbia Bar, admitted in 2000; **New York Bar**, admitted in 2000

US-ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments & Sites) Board of Directors, 2003-2006

Davidson Planning Board, Planning commissioner, 2007-present

- Chair, Community character subgroup, comprehensive plan committee
- Member, Historic district design guidelines committee

Davidson Lands Conservancy, Board of Directors, 2007-present

- Chair, Board governance committee
- Member, executive committee