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**BORN:** Paducah, Kentucky, August 17, 1955

**ADMITTED TO BAR:** Kentucky, 1979  
Florida, 1981

**EDUCATION:** University of Kentucky, B.G.S. with high distinction, 1976  
University of Louisville, J.D., 1978

## **AWARDS AND CERTIFICATIONS:**

Certified as a Medical Malpractice Trial Specialist by the American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys, 1994, recertified 1999, 2006

Certified as a Legal Malpractice Trial Specialist by the American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys, 1994, recertified 2000, 2006

Certified as a Civil Trial Specialist by the National Board of Trial Advocacy, 1993, recertified 1998, 2003

Board Certified as a Civil Trial Specialist by the Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education, 1991, recertified 1996, 2001, 2006

Bar Register of *Preeminent Lawyers*, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 designated ***Preeminent*** by Martindale-Hubbell Legal Directory of Preeminent Lawyers in America in Medical and Legal Malpractice. Martindale-Hubbell Rating: "AV"

Peer-selected for *Kentucky Super Lawyers*, designation of the top five percent of lawyers in Kentucky, 2007

Top 100 Trial Lawyers in the State of Kentucky, 2007, designated by The American Trial Lawyers Association (ATLA)

**AWARDS AND  
CERTIFICATIONS:**

American Jurisprudence Award in Criminal Law,  
Bancroft-Whitney Lawyers Cooperative Publishing Co., 1977

**PROFESSIONAL  
MEMBERSHIPS:**

American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys

Southern Trial Lawyers Association

National Board of Trial Advocacy

Kentucky Bar Association

Louisville Bar Association

The Florida Bar Association

American Association for Justice

Kentucky Academy of Trial Attorneys

The American Trial Lawyers Association

**PROFESSIONAL  
HISTORY:**

William F. McMurry & Associates, Louisville, Kentucky, 2002-  
Present

McMurry & Talbott, Louisville, Kentucky, 1994-2002

Oldfather & Morris, Louisville, Kentucky, 1987-1994

Bross, Trachtman, Henderson & Childress, Merritt Island, Florida,  
1985-1987

Boehl, Stopher, Graves & Deindoerfer, Louisville, Kentucky,  
Associate, 1982-1983; Partner, 1984-1985. Representative insurance  
clients include Traveler's Insurance, CNA, Associated Aviation  
Underwriters, Medical Protective, St. Paul and The Hartford

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney  
Second Judicial District, 1979-1980 (Paducah, Kentucky)  
Thirtieth Judicial District, 1980-1982 (Louisville, Kentucky)

McMurry & Livingston, Paducah, Kentucky, 1979-1980

**PROFESSIONAL  
ASSOCIATIONS:**

Chairman of the Legal Malpractice Credentialing Committee,  
American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys, 2008-Present

Board of Governors, American Board of Professional Liability  
Attorneys, 2006-Present

Bylaws Committee Chair, American Board of Professional Liability  
Attorneys, 2006-Present

Trial Practice Editor, *The Advocate*, Kentucky Academy of Trial  
Attorneys, 2005

Legal Aid Society of Louisville, Board Member, 2004-Present

International Academy of Integrative Psychology, Board Member,  
January 2005-Present

Paul L. Adams Center for Psychoanalytic Education, Founding  
Board Member, Sept 2003-Present

**FEATURED  
LECTURER:**

“Fight Hate Now More Than Ever,” an in-depth review of William  
F. McMurry’s work with co-counsel Morris Dees in the case of  
Gruver vs Imperial Klans of America, presented at the Annual  
Convention of the Southern Trial Lawyers Association, February 20<sup>th</sup>,  
2009.

“Legal Malpractice Disasters Stemming from the Handling and  
Litigation of Mass Tort Cases,” American Board of Professional  
Liability Attorneys Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, June 7, 2008.

“Legal Malpractice: When Society Loses Trust in Authority,”  
National Civil Litigation Conference, Law Education Institute,  
Aspen, Colorado, January 6, 2007.

“Fresh Approaches to Medical Malpractice: Liability when Treatment  
Policies Conflict with Hospital Advertising,” Advanced Litigation  
Symposium, Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association, New Orleans,  
Louisiana, November 30, 2006.

“Fresh Approaches to Medical Malpractice: Liability when Treatment  
Policies Conflict with Hospital Advertising,” National Civil Litigation  
Conference, Law Education Institute, Aspen, Colorado, January 4,  
2006.

**FEATURED  
LECTURER:**

“Litigating Beyond Borders: Justice in a Global Society,” National Civil Litigation Conference, Law Education Institute, Aspen Colorado, January 5, 2005

“Crime and Punishment in the Free Market Economy,” Moscow Social and Psychological Institute of the Moscow State Sociological University, Moscow, Russia, December 9, 2004

“Holding the Vatican Accountable for Its Worldwide Problem of Childhood Sexual Abuse,” Center for International Legal Institute, CILS Conference on Negligence and Damages in the International Setting, Salzburg, Austria, September 24, 2004

“Keeping Your Clients Informed through the Web,” Kentucky Academy of Trial Attorneys Annual Convention, Louisville, Kentucky, September 9, 2004

“News Media Relations and Case Management in High Profile Cases,” National Civil Litigation Conference, Law Education Institute, Aspen, Colorado, January 2004

“Medical Malpractice in Kentucky,” National Business Institute, Louisville, Kentucky, December 2003

“Legal Ethics in Kentucky,” Lorman Education Services, Louisville, Kentucky, May 2003

“Ethical Issues Surrounding Use of Courtroom Technology,” Kentucky Academy of Trial Attorneys, Louisville, Kentucky, March 2003

“Overcoming the Statute of Limitations in Childhood Sexual Abuse Cases,” National Civil Litigation Conference, Law Education Institute, Aspen, Colorado, January 2003

“Solutions to the Most Common Ethical Challenges,” Eminent Domain Conference, Louisville, Kentucky, June 2002

“Jury Bias in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” Chairperson, Kentucky Academy of Trial Attorneys, Louisville, Kentucky, May 2002

“Practical Legal Ethics in Kentucky: Issues and Answers,” National Business Institute, Louisville, Kentucky, June 2001

“Medical Professional Liability, Failure to Properly Treat Carbon Monoxide Exposure,” American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys, Annual CLE Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, October 2000

**FEATURED  
LECTURER:**

“Medical Malpractice, The Plaintiff’s Perspective,” National Business Institute, September 1996

“Premises Liability: Preparation and Trial of a Difficult Case in Kentucky (The Plaintiff’s Perspective),” National Business Institute, Louisville, Kentucky, March 1995

“Trying the Automobile Accident Case in Kentucky (The Plaintiff’s Perspective),” National Business Institute, Louisville, Kentucky, February 1994

**PROFESSIONAL  
PUBLICATIONS:**

“Litigating UIM Cases After *Earle v. Cobb*,” The Advocate, Kentucky Academy of Trial Attorneys, Vol. 32, No. 6, November/December 2005

“Winning During Difficult Times,” The Advocate, Kentucky Academy of Trial Attorneys, Vol. 32, No. 4, July/August 2005

**SELECTED VERDICTS  
AND SETTLEMENTS:**

*\$2.5 Million Verdict Against the Leader of the Imperial Klans of America and other Klan Members*

William F. McMurry served as co-counsel with Morris Dees and the Southern Poverty Law Center in representing a 16-year old Native American who was beaten by a group of Klan members engaged in recruitment activities at the Meade County Fair in Brandenburg, Kentucky. November 2008.

*\$2.250 Million Medical Malpractice/ Wrongful Death*

Arising out of the death of a thirty-three year old woman hospitalized for constipation. October 2008.

*\$2.05 Million Medical Malpractice/ Products Liability Settlement*

Arising out of an injury caused by an allegedly defective medical device product. September 2008.

*\$16 Million Legal Malpractice/ Living Trust Scam Settlement*

Arising out of a nationwide scam where over 15,000 elderly class members fell victim to lawyers involved in a living trust and life insurance scam. This is the only nationwide class action ever certified by a Circuit Court in Kentucky. July 2008.

*\$950,000 Legal Malpractice Settlement*

Arising out of negligent handling of Client’s medical malpractice claim. Case was settled during trial in March 2007.

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AND SETTLEMENTS:**

*\$2.1 Million Medical Malpractice Verdict*

Arising out of the failure to diagnose and treat a stroke patient, October 2006.

*\$1.5 Million Sexual Abuse Settlement*

Arising out of sexual and physical abuse of 45 children, now adults, at an orphanage between the late 1940's through 1984. Only settlement arising out of sexual abuse perpetrated by nuns at an orphanage in the United States, August 2006.

*\$450,000 Wrongful Use of Civil Proceedings/Malicious Prosecution Verdict*

Arising out of the filing and prosecution of a frivolous medical malpractice suit against an orthopedic surgeon. Largest such verdict in Kentucky, May 2006.

*\$2.9 Million Automobile Accident Verdict*

Arising out of the "mild" traumatic brain injury suffered by a lawyer in a rear-end collision. Insurance company for lawyer refused to pay UIM claim and argued he was malingering. Largest "mild" traumatic brain injury verdict in Kentucky, September 2005.

*\$1.4 Million Products Liability Settlement*

Arising out of house fire related death caused by a defect in a cordless phone, April 2005.

*\$25.7 Million Sexual Abuse Class Action Settlement*

Arising out of sexual abuse of 243 children, now adults, while attending Catholic churches and schools in the Louisville, Kentucky Archdiocese. At the time of the settlement, this was the largest amount ever paid by an archdiocese out of their own pocket; no insurance proceeds were available, May 2003.

*\$3 Million Medical Malpractice Settlement*

Arising out of failure to diagnose kidney cancer. Case was settled during jury deliberations in December 2000.

*\$2.35 Million Medical Malpractice Verdict*

Arising out of emergency room physician's failure to properly treat carbon monoxide poisoning, December 1999.

*\$1.5 Million Insurance Bad Faith Settlement*

Arising out of automobile insurance carrier's violation of the Kentucky Unfair Claims Practice Act, May 1999.