

## Jon B. Comstock

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### EDUCATION

- JD Degree      1975 University of Tulsa, College of Law, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Dean's List, Law Review, Scholarship and Work Study
- BA Degree      1972 Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma  
Honor Roll, Work Study
- AA Degree      1970 St. Gregory's Junior College, Shawnee, Oklahoma  
Honor Roll, Work Study

### COURT ADMISSIONS

- 1976            Oklahoma Supreme Court  
1976            United States Supreme Court  
1999            Arkansas Supreme Court

### ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Current – Jon B. Comstock, PLC, Comstock Conflict Resolution Services. Certified Mediator for Arkansas Circuit Courts – Civil Division. Alternative Dispute Resolution Institute, 40 Hour General Civil Mediation Training (2012).

Past - Member/Chairman of Tulsa County Bar Association, Fee Arbitration Committee. Certified Arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association. Certified Arbitrator for the Better Business Bureau. Volunteer Mediator for Benton County Circuit Court, Juvenile Division. Attorney advocate for party participant in over 100 civil mediations.

### LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**July 2011 – December 2012                      Arkansas Circuit Court Judge**

19th Judicial District West - Division II - Benton County, Arkansas

Appointed by the Governor of Arkansas to complete the term of a retiring judge. Served as general jurisdiction trial judge handling one of the state's heaviest felony criminal

dockets, with charges ranging from property crimes to capital murder. The docket also included substantial civil litigation with the subject matter ranging from contract and employment disputes to personal injury and wrongful death claims.

**1994 – June 2011 Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. In-House Legal Counsel**

Served in multiple senior roles within Wal-Mart’s Legal Department. Began Wal-Mart’s first in-house civil litigation group as Senior Litigation Counsel, which for 10 years was responsible for first-chair litigation of selected complex commercial and employment litigation at the national level. Primary emphasis was is federal litigation and federal appellate practice; in this capacity, was the lead attorney for cases before multiple Federal Circuit Courts of Appeals across the country. For the last several years, served as Senior Associate General Counsel offering primary legal support to Wal-Mart’s Privacy Office and Information Systems Security Office, including the Company’s eDiscovery processes intended to streamline civil litigation.

**1976 – 1994 Private General Litigation Practice, Tulsa, Oklahoma**

Professional Rating - AV Preeminent Rating - 20 years - Martindale Hubbell/Lexis Nexis. For nearly twenty (20) years, was engaged in a general state and federal litigation practice in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The range of experience includes criminal defense, commercial, contract, employment (both employer and employee), civil rights (plaintiff and defense), and negligence litigation (inclusive of wrongful death) (plaintiff and defense).

**PRO BONO, PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

2012-2013 Chairman, Mental Health/Criminal Justice Task Force for NWA

2012 Arkansas Delegate to National Conference of State Trial Judges of the American Bar Association (appointed by Chief Justice, Arkansas Supreme Court)

2012-2013 Benton County Delegate to Arkansas Bar Association, House of Delegates

2012-2013 American Judicature Society, Vice President

2010 Recipient of the Benton County Volunteer Attorney of the Year

Department of Justice, Pro Bono Panel Member for Bureau of Immigration Appeals – former member

2009-2011 Wal-Mart’s Pro Bono Committee – former member

Legal Aid of Arkansas, Board of Directors and Executive Committee, former member

Pro Bono Committee, Arkansas Access To Justice Commission – former member

2009-2011 Arkansas Access To Justice Foundation – Board Member

2009 Member of Wal-Mart Legal's Law Day Committee

2008 Law Day presenter on "*Rule of Law*" for area schools.

2002 League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), Recipient of *Amigo Award*, State of Arkansas (co-recipient with Governor of Arkansas)

Past National Conference of State Trial Judges (Arkansas Delegate)

## **CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & CERTIFICATIONS**

Certified Mediator for Arkansas Circuit Courts – Civil Division

American Bar Association

American Judicature Society (Vice President)

Arkansas Bar Association (House of Delegates, Benton County)

Benton County Bar Association

Oklahoma Bar Association

Certified International Privacy Professional

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

Co-Coach – University of Arkansas, School of Law's TYLA Regional Trial Competition Teams.

Presenter – Best of CLE Northwest, Arkansas Bar Association, *Pro Bono Publico* (2012).

Adjunct Professor, University of Arkansas, School of Law, *Privacy & Information Security* (2010-2011 and 2013).

Panel Presenter – Executive Employment Conference – *Data Security Challenge and Outside Counsel* (2011).

Presenter – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual NW Arkansas CLE Conference, Arkansas Bar Association, *Pro Bono Publico – How to Commit to Pro Bono with an Already Hectic Schedule* (2011).

Presenter – Best of CLE, Arkansas Bar Association, *Pro Bono Publico* (2010).

Lecturer – John Brown University Business Class, *Leading Your Organization Through Risk & Uncertainty* (2011).

Lecturer – University of Arkansas, Sam M. Walton College of Business, *The Institutionalization of Ethics* (2010).

Panel Presenter – Arkansas Bar Association Annual Meeting, *Counsel to Counsel: House Calls with In-House Counsel* (2010).

Presenter - International Association of Privacy Professionals, *Is the Universe Expanding? A Telescopic Examination of the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard 1.2* (2009).

Presenter - Wal-Mart Legal Superconference - *Data Protection* (2010).

Co-Presenter – The Promise of Justice Conference, *Pro Bono Representation* (with ret. Supreme Court Justice, Annabelle Imber Tuck) (2010).

Lecturer – Mills College, *Corporate Social Responsibility* (2009).

Co-Presenter - Benton County Bar Association, *O.K. Corral At the U.S. Supreme Court – Guns and the Second Amendment* (2008).

Co-Presenter - Webcast - *How to Manage a HIPAA Security Audit* (2009).

Roundtable participant, The Legal Times, *Learn to Play the Antitrust Game* (2000).

Panel Presenter, *What Every In-House Counsel Should Know About Trade Secrets* (2000).

## **PROFESSIONAL WRITINGS**

2011 Contributor, *"Information Security and Privacy"*, American Bar Association, Section of Science & Technology Law.

2000 Co-author, *"Successful Partnering Between Inside and Outside Counsel-Case Study: The Wal-Mart Approach to Litigation"*, West Publishing and American Corporate Counsel Association.

1990 Contributor, *"Evidence In America"*, Michie Press.

1986 Author, *"Compelled Disclosure of Attorney Client Privilege and Work Product Material"*, 57 Oklahoma Bar Journal 3198.