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Ms. Jackson obtained a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master's degree in Accounting from Oklahoma State University. She received her Juris Doctor degree from Oklahoma City University School of Law in 1988, and LL.M. in Elder Law from Stetson College of Law in Florida. She currently serves on the board of National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. She has served on numerous committees of the American Bar Association, Oklahoma Bar Association, the Oklahoma Society of CPAs and National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

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In 1983, he returned to Durham and became a partner in the law firm of Spaulding & Williams. He has built a thriving practice in criminal law over 38 years, and began his present firm in 1996.

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