



**JAMES A. WILKINS**

**DESIGNATIONS, EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

J.D., Magna Cum Laude and Heusler Honor Society, University of Baltimore School of Law, 2006; Attended through the Dean Scholar Program (Full Scholarship)

Member, Defense Research Institute, 2006-Present

Paralegal Certificate Program with High Honors, Andover College, 1998

B.S., Secondary Education with History Concentration, with Honors, University of Maine at Farmington, 1993

History Tutor, University of Maine at Farmington, 1991-1992

**UNIQUE OR SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS**

Mr. Wilkins is a technical consultant and researcher currently supporting legal teams responding to asbestos and other toxic tort litigation. His primary responsibilities are to locate and analyze U.S. Navy and merchant ship design, development, construction, maintenance and repair records, plans, and photographs with special emphasis on toxic substance exposure analysis. In addition to this primary research, he also researches U.S. Navy personnel records and Navy/military specifications, qualified product lists, and related records. This research, combined with Mr. Wilkins' experience, training and education, has provided him with a unique grasp of the naval and maritime practices and policies from the 1940s through the 1980s.

Mr. Wilkins has extensive experience in the management of litigation documents assembled in the development of defense records, bringing keen attention to detail and analysis of documents reviewed to his daily work.

**PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Wilkins has presented his technical expertise and documentary findings on numerous occasions to defense counsel involved in asbestos litigation in New England, New York, and Maryland. Mr. Wilkins has also instructed defense counsel on how the proper use of archival information can benefit their cases.

**WORK HISTORY**

**McCaffery & Associates, Inc.**

**November 2003 to present**

**Current Position Title:** Researcher/Analyst

Mr. Wilkins works with a team of current and former naval and maritime officers who research naval and maritime ship design, construction, maintenance and repair records in support of toxic tort litigation. The majority of this work is conducted at the National Archives or other libraries in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area. Research is also conducted at National Archive sites throughout the country. Researchers work not only with original correspondence files, but with microfilm, original ship plans, still and motion pictures. This multi-media approach provides clients with the widest possible range of options for evidence and testimony in each case. Mr. Wilkins serves as the company's subject matter expert in occupational safety and health research and analysis.

**McCarter & English**

**March 2001 to November 2003**

**Position Title:** Litigation Paralegal

Responsible for all phases of trial preparation for toxic tort litigation, including large trial group and document management. Conducted extensive research at the National Archives in College Park, MD; Suitland, MD; and Washington, DC, as well as the Steamship Historical Society Collection at the University of Baltimore.

**Danaher, Tedford, Lagnese & Neal**

**June 2000 to March 2001  
November 1998 to August 1999**

**Position Title:** Litigation Paralegal

Responsible for all phases of trial preparation for toxic tort litigation, including large trial group and document management. Conducted extensive research at the National Archives in College Park, MD; Suitland, MD; and Washington, DC, as well as the Washington Navy Yard.

**Canton Middle School**

**August 1999 to June 2000**

**Position Title:** Teacher

Instructed “at risk” sixth grade students in Social Studies and Science. Assisted “Boyz to Men” and “Canton Project” after school programs.

**Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson**

**June 1994 to October 1998**

**Position Title:** Litigation Paralegal

Responsible for all phases of trial preparation for toxic tort litigation, including large trial group and document management. Conducted extensive research at the National Archives in College Park, MD.

Progression of responsibility:

- Litigation Paralegal (April 1998 - October 1998) - responsible for management of documents for trial preparation
- Litigation Clerk (April 1996 - April 1998) - responsible for management of documents for trial preparation
- Mail Room Supervisor (June 1994 - April 1996) - responsible for operation of firm’s mail room

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