

# ROBERT WILLIAM HOUGHTON MASON, MD, MBA

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## BOARD CERTIFICATION

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**American Board of Ophthalmology** • *Certified 2002*  
**American Board of Ophthalmology** • *Recertified 2012*  
**American Board of Ophthalmology** • *Recertified 2022*

## EDUCATION

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**Master of Business Administration** • *Graduated with honors* • January 2, 2015, to May 2, 2017  
THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA – HOUGH GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, GAINESVILLE, FL, USA

**Doctor of Medicine** • August 24, 1992, to May 15, 1996  
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, NEW YORK, NY, USA

**Bachelor of Arts in Psychology** | *Graduated with distinction* • August 22, 1988, to August 2, 1993  
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA, NORMAN, OK, USA

## FELLOWSHIP EXPERIENCE

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SOUTH TEXAS RETINA CONSULTANTS, CORPUS CHRISTI, TX, USA  
**Vitreoretinal Surgery Fellow** • February 1, 2006–January 31, 2008

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER, DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY, DALLAS, TX, USA  
**Cornea/External Disease and Refractive Fellow** • July 1, 2000–December 2001

## RESIDENCY EXPERIENCE

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UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY, DALLAS, TX, USA  
**Ophthalmology Resident** • July 1, 1997–June 31, 2000

## INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

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UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER DEPARTMENTS OF OPHTHALMOLOGY AND NEUROLOGY, DALLAS, TX, USA  
**Transitional Ophthalmology Intern** • July 1, 1996–June 31, 1997

## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

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ROBERT MASON, M.D., P.L.C. AND SOUTHEAST EYE SPECIALISTS, NASHVILLE, TN  
**Vitreoretinal Surgeon** • August 2022–present

- *Vitreoretinal Surgeon covering Nashville and its Northern conurbation in conjunction with SouthEast Eye Specialists*
- *Ophthalmic legal expert witness work and medical examinations*

RETINA & VITREOUS OF LOUISIANA

**Vitreoretinal Surgeon** • July 2017–August 2022

- *Co-Owner and practicing Vitreoretinal Surgeon in this four-physician, retina-only practice*

CENTER FOR SIGHT, PENSACOLA, FL

**Vitreoretinal Surgeon** • February 2014–July 2017

- *Served as an associate physician and sole vitreoretinal surgeon for the eight-doctor practice*

ROBERT W. H. MASON M.D. P.C., BIRMINGHAM, AL

**Vitreoretinal Surgeon | Owner and Physician** • February 2008–October 2016

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- Functioned as vitreoretinal surgeon, with presidential and ownership responsibilities directing a multimillion-dollar vitreoretinal surgery practice

DOCTORS' VISION CENTER, P.A., GREENVILLE, NC

**Ophthalmologist** • March 2004–February 2006

- Worked as the associate physician as well as a general ophthalmology and cornea and external disease sub-specialist
- Provided direct assistance to trail blaze, a relatively novel tiered integration between the ophthalmologists and optometrists

THE CARTER EYE CENTER, DALLAS, TX

**Associate Physician** • April 2002–March 2003

- Obtained comprehensive industry expertise by practicing high-volume general ophthalmology, cornea and external disease, and refractive surgery

THE SPRINGFIELD CLINIC EYE INSTITUTE, SPRINGFIELD, IL

**Associate Physician** • January 2002–April 2002

- Exhibited proficiency in focusing on cornea and external disease, primarily corneal transplants.

## PUBLICATIONS

1. **Verne, Allen Z. M.D.** The Best is Yet to Be. *Journal of Vitreoretinal Disease*. Winter 2020. (mentioned)
2. **Geoffrey G. Emerson, MD, PhD, John T. Thompson, MD, Loi V. Vo, MS, Robert W.H. Mason, MD, MBA, Gregory D. Lee, MD, Henry A. Leder, MD for the Health Economics Committee, American Society of Retina Specialists** (2020). Certification and Credentials of Intravitreal Injection Proceduralists in the U.S. *Ophthalmology Retina*. 2021 May;5(5):487-489.
3. **Geoffrey G. Emerson, MD, PhD, John T. Thompson, MD, Loi V. Vo, MS, Robert W.H. Mason, MD, MBA, Gregory D. Lee, MD, Henry A. Leder, MD for the Health Economics Committee, American Society of Retina Specialists**. Office Examinations–Directed Treatment Paradigms Reduce Travel Burden, Decrease Treatment Cost, and Improve Quality-Adjusted Life-Years for Patients With Exudative Age-Related Macular Degeneration Undergoing Antivascular Endothelial Growth Factor Therapy. *Journal of Vitreo Retinal Diseases*. July 2020.
4. **Dugel, P.U., Capone, A., Singer, M.A. et al.** Two or more dexamethasone intravitreal implants in treatment-naïve patients with macular edema due to retinal vein occlusion: subgroup analysis of a retrospective chart review study. *BMC Ophthalmology* 15, 118 (2015).
5. **Mason, R.W.H.** (2014). Single incision, outpatient fluid/gas exchange. *Retina*, 34(2), 402–404. 2014
6. **Capone, Antonio Jr MD; Singer, Michael A. MD; Dodwell, David G. MD et al.** Efficacy and Safety of Two or More Dexamethasone Intravitreal Implant Injections for Treatment of Macular Edema Related to Retinal Vein Occlusion (Shasta Study). *Retina*. February 2014, Volume 34, Issue 2, pp. 342-351
7. **Mason, R.W.H.** (2013). Use of a Desmarres retractor for upper lid and lash isolation during intravitreal injections. *Retina*, 33(10), 2175–2176.

## TEACHING-RELATED EXPERIENCE

ROBERT W H MASON MD PC, BIRMINGHAM, AL

**Lecturer** • 2008–2014

- Facilitated several lectures by providing continuing education and medical education for optometrists and ophthalmologists

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA BIRMINGHAM DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY, CALLAHAN EYE FOUNDATION HOSPITAL, BIRMINGHAM, AL

**Adjunct Assistant Professor** • 2008–2015

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## Consultant and Lecturer • 2008–2015

BAUSCH AND LOMB, BRIDGEWATER, NJ

## Consultant and Lecturer • 2008–2012

DOCTOR'S VISION CENTER, O.D., M.D. P.A, GREENVILLE NC

## Lecturer • 2004–2006

- Conducted numerous lectures by providing continuing education credits for optometrists working at the Doctor's Vision Center, O.D., M.D. P.A
- Enhance tiered eyecare in creating the "Principles of Consultation and Co-management" text for the company

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER, DALLAS, TX

## Course Instructor • 2000

## Associate Clinical Professor • 2000–2001

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, NEW YORK, NY • 1992–1993

- Developed and instructed the Psychology course for the Columbia University S-PREP Program for advanced minority high-school students

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA, NORMAN, OK

## Teaching Assistant • 1990

- Expertly taught Behavioral Science Statistics course to students

## BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

2019-Present American Society of Retinal Surgeons (ASRS) Healthcare Economics Committee

2005-2006 Pitt County Visitor and Convention Board

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

2012–2014	Project Name: Efficacy and safety of two or more dexamethasone intravitreal implant injections for treatment of macular edema related to retinal vein occlusion (SHASTA study) Role: Clinical Investigator Company/Client Name: Allergan
2010	Project Name: A randomized, multicenter, double-blind, parallel-group trial to assess the analgesic efficacy and safety of a new analgesic compared with placebo in subjects with painful diabetic peripheral neuropathy Role: Clinical Investigator
2007–2008	Project Name: Genentech BRAVO and CRUISE studies Role: Clinical Investigator Company/Client Name: Genentech
2000–2002	Project Name: Several multi-center clinical trials for dry eyes and topical antibiotics Role: Sub-Investigator
1999–2000	Project Name: Cellular senescence in age-related macular degeneration Role: Investigator
1998–2000	Project Name: Research foci include harvesting, culture, manipulation, transfection, and transplantation of retinal pigment epithelial cells Role: Investigator

## PRESENTATIONS

Mason, R.W.H. (1999a). *PTK at the University of Texas Southwestern: A three-year retrospective study*. 2000 Resident-Alumni Day Meeting, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX.

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- Mason, R.W.H.** (1999b). *PTK at the University of Texas Southwestern: A three-year retrospective study*. Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology.
- Mason, R.W.H.** (1998). *Persistence of cyclopegia induced intraocular pressure elevation and aqueous outflow facility depression in open-angle glaucoma after prolonged pilocarpine discontinuation*. 1998 Resident-Alumni Day Meeting, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Department of Ophthalmology, Dallas, TX.
- Mason, R.W.H.** (1997). *Drusen nasal to the optic nerve head in age-related macular degeneration*. 1999 Resident-alumni Day Meeting, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX.
- Mason, R.W.H.** and Amador, X. (1993). *Inquiry into covariance of paranoid and non-paranoid schizophrenia subtypes around various course of illness variables, including levels of insight within individual domains of The Scale to Assess Unawareness of Mental Disease*. The New York State Psychiatric Institute, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, NY.
- Mason, R.W.H.** and Libre, P. (1995a). *Factors affecting pressure sensitivity of a corneoscleral flap*. The Harkness Eye Institute, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, NY.
- Mason, R.W.H.** and Libre, P. (1995b). *Efficacy of addition of antibiotics to intraocular irrigation solution intra-operatively*. The Harkness Eye Institute, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, NY.
- Mason, R.W.H.** and Leib, M. (1995). *Changes in demographics of peri-orbital basal cell carcinoma patients at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in the last decade*. The Harkness Eye Institute, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, NY.
- Mason, R.W.H.**, Susser, E., and Amador, X. (1993). *Examining inter-rater reliability of scoring life chart schedule in schizophrenia*. The New York State Psychiatric Institute, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, NY.
- Mason, R.W.H.** and Weis, M.J. (1995). *Examination of factors predictive of ocular involvement in sarcoidosis*. The Harkness Eye Institute, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, NY.

## GRANT FUNDING

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| 1997 | Lion's Eye Bank Foundation Research Award for "Cellular Senescence in Age-related Macular Degeneration"<br>Funded Grant Amount: \$25,000<br>Overview/Objective: <i>Examination of retinal pigment epithelial cellular senescence as related to telomere length and development of immortal, cadaveric retinal pigment epithelial sheets for transplantation.</i> |
| 1993 | Stanley Research Grant<br>Funding Source: National Alliance for the Mentally Ill<br>Funded Grant Amount: \$10,000<br>Overview/Objective: <i>Examining inter-rater reliability of scoring life chart schedule in schizophrenia.</i>   |

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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- Volunteer**, Eye Care America • 2008–2017
- Volunteer**, 10-day trips to Managua Nicaragua (*perform retina surgery on indigent patients*) • 2011 and 2012
- Volunteer**, 6-month trip to Jerusalem, Saint John's Eye Hospital (*performed anterior segment surgery on indigent patients*) • 2001

## AWARDS

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- Beta Sigma Gamma Honor Society 2017-Present
- B-Metro Magazine Super Doctor, Birmingham, AL • 2012–2015
- US News and World Report Top Doctor • 2012–2022
- Medical school course honors in Anatomy, Physiology, Pathology, Pharmacology, Advanced Pharmacology, Neuroscience, Psychiatry, Surgery, Neuro-ophthalmology, and Neurology • 1992–1996

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Golden Key Honor Society • 1992

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society • 1992

Psi Chi Psychology National Honor Society • 1990–Present

Various intercollegiate debate awards and State Finalist • 1988–1989

Debate scholarship and National Finalist, University of Oklahoma Department of Debate • 1988–1989

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Louisiana State Medical Society 2017-2023

New Orleans Academy of Ophthalmology 2017-2023

Vit-Buckle Society 2016-Present

Medical Association of the State of Alabama • 2008–2014

Jefferson County Medical Society • 2012–2014

Alabama Academy of Ophthalmology • 2008–2014

Nueces County Medical Society • 2006–2009

American Society of Retina Surgeons • 2006–Present

Lebanese Ophthalmic Society • 2001–2002

American Academy of Ophthalmology • 1999–Present

American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons • 1998–2007

Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology • 1998–2003

Texas Medical Association • 1996–2009

American Medical Association • 1993–Present

Founder | Co-president, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ophthalmology Club • 1995–1996

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