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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 7/2000 – present: Civil litigator at Troup, Christnacht, Ladenburg, McKasy, Durkin & Speir, Inc., P.S., Tacoma, Washington. Began as an associate attorney, then became the only female partner in 2012. Represent injured claimants against negligent drivers, insurance companies, and large corporations. MAR Arbitrator in Pierce and Thurston Counties.
- 5/2000 – 7/2000: Contract attorney for Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell, Malanca, Peterson & Daheim, Tacoma, Washington. Performed research and writing in land use and real estate cases.
- 1/2000 – 3/2000: Session Attorney for Senate Republican Caucus, Olympia, Washington. Researched and tracked legislative issues for State and Local Government Committee; drafted legal memoranda and bill amendments; responded to constituent requests; provided staff support for Republican senators.
- 6/1998 – 7/2000: Owner of Speir Law Office, Fircrest, Washington. Ran a solo practice representing real estate, environmental law, and land use clients.
- 5/1997 – 5/1999: Adjunct Professor, Tacoma Community College and Pierce College. Taught English as a Second Language, Study Skills, English, and Poetry.
- 5/1997 – 10/2014: Legal researcher for Fraser Robinson Speir, Fircrest, Washington. Performed legal research and writing for practicing attorneys in Washington and other jurisdictions.
- 8/1993 – 5/1994: Public school teacher for Glendale Middle School, Salt Lake City, Utah. Taught 7th, 8th, and 9th grade at a Centennial school using a team teaching approach. Subjects included science and dance.
- 8/1992 – 5/1993: Public school teacher at Jordan Middle School, Jordan, Utah. Subjects included reading and music appreciation.
- 5/1989 – 5/1992: Assistant School Director for Alaska Dance Theatre, Anchorage, Alaska. Taught ballet, modern dance, and choreography to all ages.
- 8/1988 – 5/1989: Soloist with Utah Ballet. Performed classical ballet choreography under the direction of Conrad Ludlow. Techniques included Balanchine, Vagonova, and Cecchetti.

ADMITTED

9/2007: United States Court of Appeals—Ninth Circuit

6/2006: United States Federal District Court—Western District of Washington

6/1998: Washington State Bar

EDUCATION

7/1994 – 5/1997: Seattle University School of Law (formerly University of Puget Sound Law School), Tacoma, Washington. Served on Alternative Dispute Resolution Board and was Research/Technical Editor of the Law Review; earned juris doctorate.

9/1989 - 5/1992: University of Alaska, Anchorage. Earned Master's in the Art of Teaching with an emphasis in English; obtained K-12 teaching certification.

9/1985 – 5/1989: University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah. Was awarded an Alice Sheets Mariott Scholarship and was member of Golden Key and Phi Kappa Phi. Earned Bachelor of Fine Arts in Ballet. Graduated magna cum laude.

AFFILIATIONS AND LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

12/2001 – Present: Eagle member, Washington State Association for Justice (formerly Washington State Trial Lawyers Association); also serve on Board of Governors as VP of Publications. Past positions include VP of Continuing Legal Education, Trial News Editorial Board, Membership Committee, and Chair of the Pierce County Roundtable.

12/2001 – Present: American Association for Justice

5/1998 – Present: Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association

5/1998 – Present: Washington State Bar Association; currently serve on Executive Committee for Litigation Section

AWARDS

2012 – present: Super Lawyer, Thomson Reuters

2012 – present: Top Attorneys in Washington, *Seattle Met Magazine*

2011 – present: “10/10” rating on Avvo

2008: Nominee for Community Service Award, Washington State Association for Justice

2007: Super Lawyer—Rising Star, Thomson Reuters

1997: Nominee for Jefferson Award, Seattle Post Intelligencer

1994: "Class Act" Environmental Challenge Award, Amway (won grant for Glendale Middle School and was chosen to take two students to Washington, D.C. to present to members of Congress)

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2015: Know Your Process: An Arbitration Refresher, Washington State Association for Justice CLE

2015: Washington Subrogation Law, Washington State Association for Justice CLE

2014: Defense Medical Exams, Washington State Association for Justice CLE

2013: Using Visuals to Tell Your Client's Story, Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association CLE

2013: Co-Chair, Annual Convention for Washington State Association for Justice

2012: The Art of Negotiation, Seattle Legal Staff Section Meeting

2012: Washington Sports Law, Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association CLE

2011: New Approaches and Time Tested Strategies for Gaining Information to Support Your Case, Washington State Bar Association CLE

2011: Government Liability and the Public Duty Doctrine, Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association CLE

2010: Hamm & Winters UIM Strategies, Washington State Association for Justice CLE

2008: Summary Judgment Motions, Washington State Association for Justice CLE

2006: Fees with PIP/UIM Recovery, Washington State Association for Justice CLE

2003: Electronic Discovery, Tacoma Pierce-County Bar Association CLE

2003: Obtaining Health Care Information, Washington State Association for Justice CLE

2002: Videotaped Depositions; Videotaped Medical Examinations, Tacoma-Pierce County CLE

2001: Demonstrative Presentations, Washington State Association for Justice CLE

1997: "The Public Duty Doctrine and Municipal Liability for Negligent Administration of Zoning Codes," Seattle University Law Review.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERISM

2005 – present: Tree Designer/Fund Raiser for Mary Bridge Children's Hospital Festival of Trees

2002 – 2003: Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Volunteer Legal Services Theater
Committee

1998 – 2015: Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association volunteer attorney for Volunteer Legal
Services program