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EDUCATION:

University of Washington School of Law/LL.M., Taxation June, 2000

Seattle University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude* December, 1988

- Am Jur Book Award (Gift and Estate Tax), 1987
- Year-End Merit Scholarship Recipient, 1986
- Invitation to Law Review
- Assistant to Director of the Legal Writing Program/Legal Writing Institute
- Legal Writing Institute 1986 Biennial Conference Coordinator

University of California at Davis, B.A., Political Science May 1982

- Chancellor's Outstanding Senior Student Award,
based on work as Peer Counselor

Georgetown University, Washington D.C., Summer Coursework Summer 1981

CLERKSHIP

The Honorable Carolyn R. Dimmick, Chief Judge
United States District Court, Western District of Washington

- Law Clerk March – September 1995
- Legal Extern August - December 1988

EMPLOYMENT

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Legal Writing Professor August 2001 -- present
August 1990 – May 1991

Adjunct Legal Writing Professor August 1991 to May 1996
Seven semesters

- Teach objective and persuasive legal writing, online and print research, citation, and oral advocacy skills to first- and second-year law students
- Teach statutory construction and interpretation
- Teach legal analysis
- Conference with individuals to focus on each student's skill level
- Judge second-year students' oral arguments

Adjunct Law Professor

August - December 1997

- Taught Trusts and Estates Course to class of 65 evening students

BETTS AUSTIN, PLLC/Bellevue, Washington

March 2000 to August 2001

Associate Attorney

- Provided counsel on estate plans for medium and large estates, including those involving family-owned businesses and complex tax situations
- Handled real property dispositions and transfers related to estate planning and probate
- Prepared federal estate tax returns for taxable estates
- Probated estates and split trusts
- Researched complex tax issues
- Created business entities
- Drafted buy-sell agreements

Solo Practitioner and Contract Attorney

September 1996 - March 2000

- Drafted estate planning documents
- Researched real property issues
- Drafted trial and motion briefs for criminal defendants indicted in federal court

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

- *"Communicating with the Millennials: Teaching and Preparing the Next Generation of Lawyers."* Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, August 2008
- *"Teaching 'Generation Me:' Understanding Our Students So We Can Teach Them Effectively."* Northwest Regional Legal Writing, Gonzaga University Law School, August 2007

- *“Creative Assignments, Engaged Students,”* Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, June 2006
- *“Teaching Law Students Who Suffer from Attention Deficit Disorder,”* Northwest Regional Legal Writing Conference, University of Washington School of Law, September 2005
- *“Conducting Effective Conferences,”* Northwest Regional Legal Writing Conference, Seattle University School of Law, August 2003
- *“Being Prepared At Checkout Time: What Everyone Should Know About Wills and Other Estate Planning Documents,”* Estate Planning Presentation for Northwest Cremation Association, June 2002

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

“Writing Precisely and Concisely,” Conference on the Pedagogy of Legal Writing for Academics in Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, March 2007

SERVICE

- Officer -- Treasurer APPEAL: Academics Promoting the Pedagogy of Effective Advocacy in Law, Inaugural Board of Directors, (organization for African and American Professors teaching Legal Writing), 2007 -- present
- Academic Advisor to Student Organization: Families United Network, 2004 – present
- Academic Advisor to First Year Law Students, 2004 -- present
- Judge, Moot Court Arguments, 2004 – 2005
- Trainer and Mentor to new Legal Writing Professors 2003 -- present
- Sponsor for Spanish Foreign Student, 2003 and 2005
- Coach for Environmental Law Moot Court Team, National Competition, Spring 2003

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Washington State Bar Association Admitted May, 1989
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington Admitted May, 1995