

Curriculum Vitae for Cynthia B. Jones

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EDUCATION

Antioch University, Los Angeles, CA

Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing, June 2018

Published essay “Nuclear Bombs in the Backyard” Literary Journal *Under the Sun*
(September 11, 2016) forthcoming “After Hours” *Emerge Literary Journal* (April 2022)

Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA

J.D. *cum laude*, May 2006

Faculty Scholar Award Nominee, 2006

CALI Award for Highest Grade in Course (Civil Procedure)

UCLA National Moot Court Competition, 2005 Quarter-finalist

Dean’s Public Interest Grant, 2005

SBA Communications Director and Editor of *Prolific Reporter*, 2005-2006

Women’s Law Caucus, President 2005-2006

Teaching Assistant, Civil Procedure 2004-2005

Public Interest Law Foundation, Membership Director 2004-2005

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

B.A., 2001

Editorial Journalism; Political Science; Minor in Women’s Studies

Dick Larsen Scholarship for Political Writers

John & Harriet Reid Scholarship for Academic Excellence in Communications

Dean’s List

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Jones Legal Group, Seattle, WA

Managing Attorney, October 2010-current

Appellate and trial court practitioner in both criminal and civil matters, including drafting and arguing appeals in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court of Washington, and various Courts of Appeal in Washington and matters before the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington. Appointee to the Criminal Justice Act Appellate Panel for the Ninth Circuit. Recent experience includes successful representation of client in federal habeas §2255 petition reinstating client’s appellate rights; representing a client in federal sentencing with successful outcome; current representation of client in federal trial case involving cyberstalking allegations; representation of an appellant in civil rights action to the Ninth Circuit, and representation of client for social security appeal to the Ninth Circuit. Other experience includes filing pro bono amicus briefs in several cases for WACDL and the ACLU, including in the Washington Supreme Court on behalf of the ACLU of Washington in the initial McCleary education funding case with favorable decision for plaintiffs supported by amicus brief, also filing amicus brief and arguing the merits before the Washington Supreme Court on behalf of the ACLU in an article 1, section 7 case.

Rafel Law Group PLLC, Seattle, WA

Associate, October 2007 – September 2010

Trial experience includes sole trial counsel for plaintiff in a 4 day jury trial in action fraud, won unanimous jury verdict on the nine elements of fraud claim; second chair for plaintiff in 5-week bench trial in an action for distribution of property, won multi- million dollar award of damages and real property. Litigation experience includes all phases of discovery, including discovery motions, taking and defending depositions of fact and expert witnesses, plus preparation for and participation in several appeals and successful mediations.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE (continued)

The Honorable Charles W. Johnson, Washington State Supreme Court, Olympia, WA

Law Clerk, August 2006-August 2007

Researched and analyzed law and issues pending before the Court. Draft bench memoranda with recommendations regarding Court's actions.

Gender and Justice Commission of the Washington State Courts, Seattle, WA

Committee Member, August 2005-May 2006

Researched and participated in committee to address gender issues at Seattle University School of Law at the request of Justice Barbara Madsen, Chair of the Commission.

American Civil Liberties Union of Washington, Seattle, WA

Legal Intern May 2005 – August 2005

Researched and drafted memoranda of law regarding civil rights issues under the United States and Washington State Constitutions.

The Honorable Mary Yu, King County Superior Court, Seattle WA

Legal Extern, January 2005 – May 2005

Conducted extensive research and drafted bench memoranda with recommendations regarding court actions on motions to dismiss, motions for summary judgment, and jury instructions.

Compassion for Dying in Washington, Seattle, WA

Legal Researcher, October 2004-December 2004

Conducted extensive research and drafted sections of amicus brief for same-sex marriage case pending in the Washington State Supreme Court.

Gender and Justice Commission of the Washington State Courts, Seattle, WA

Legal Research Assistant, May 2004 – September 2004

Conducted extensive research and served as lead writer for book-length judicial training manual and resource guide, *Sexual Orientation and the Law*. Work completed for the Washington State Judicial Conference.

LEADERSHIP

- *Federal Bar Association, Western District of Washington*, Chair, Nominations Committee, 2021- present; Co-Chair of Past Presidents Committee 2018-present, Immediate Past President, Executive Committee, 2018- 2019; President 2017-2018, Vice-President 2016-2017; Secretary 2015-2017, Co-Chair Membership Committee 2012-2015.
- *Ninth Judicial Circuit Historical Society*, Advisory Council, 2019- current.
- *Elected Board Trustee to King County Bar Association*, Secretary-Trustee, Executive Committee, 2020-current.
- *Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals*, Court Appointed Lawyer Representative, 2018-2020.

Term extended to 2022 by order of Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Chief Judge Sidney R. Thomas.

LEADERSHIP (continued)

- *King County Bar Association Appellate Practice Section, Chair, 2014-2015;*
Executive Committee
 - 2011-current Co-Chair of KCBA Annual Judicial Reception.
- *William L. Dwyer, Inn of Court Invited Member; Executive Board, Immediate Past President, 2020-current; President 2019- 2020; President-Elect 2018-2019; Mentorship Chair 2016-2017, Membership Chair 2014- 2016; Treasurer, Membership Committee 2007-2011.*
- *Elected Board Trustee to King County Bar Association YLD Board, 2008 – 2011.*
- *Editor, De Novo, Young Lawyer Division, Washington State Bar Association 2007- 2009.*

PRESENTATIONS

“Persuasive Appellate Brief Writing” co-presenting with Judge Rebecca Glasgow (Washington Court of Appeals, Division II), Judge Rebecca Pennell (Washington Court of Appeals, Division III) and former Washington Supreme Court Justice, Phil Talmage.
March 15, 2022

“Sixth Annual Advanced Appellate Program: Amicus Briefs” Co-presenter Lila J. Silverstein. Sponsored by Pincus Professional Education.
November 17, 2021

“A Day in the Life: A Glimpse Inside a Small Firm Practice.” Sponsored by the Joint Minority Mentorship program and the King County Bar Association New Lawyer Division.
October 2, 2021

“In Conversation with Dean Erwin Chemerinsky: A Discussion on Current U.S. Supreme Court Cases of Import and Court Culture” plus a Q&A from audience.
Moderator and interviewer of Dean Erwin Chemerinsky as part of the 2021 Annual Meeting for the U.S. District Court Western District of Washington.
Sponsored by the U.S. District Court, Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representatives, Ninth Judicial Circuit Historical Society and WDWA-Federal Bar Association.
May 6, 2021

PRESENTATIONS (continued)

“Not Farewell but Fare Forward: A Celebration of the Career and Experiences of the Honorable Mary Alice Theiler.”

Moderator and Interviewer of Federal Magistrate Judge Mary Alice Theiler on her recent retirement. Sponsored by the WDWA-Federal Bar Association and King County Bar Association.

April 23, 2021

“SCOTUS in the time of COVID: A substantive conversation with Solicitor General Noah Purcell on the *Chiafalo v. Washington* opinion (aka the "faithless electors" case)” plus a Q&A on what it's like to prepare for and present a telephonic argument at the high court.

Moderator and interviewer of Solicitor General.

Sponsored by the Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representatives and WDWA-Federal Bar Association.

July 23, 2020

“Appellate Waivers” CLE. Substantive discussion on history of appellate waivers, and how to navigate them at the plea stage and on direct appeal.

Sponsored by the Federal Defenders Office for Western District of Washington

July 16, 2020

“Bridging the Gap: Practice Management Panel for Solos and Small Firms: Nuts & Bolts.”

Sponsored by the King County Bar Association

March 28, 2019

"Tips from the Bench: Effectively Preserving Your Issues for Appeal"

Moderator for Panel (with Chief Judge Ricardo S. Martinez, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington; Acting Chief Judge Michael J. Trickey, Washington State Court of Appeals, Division I; Judge Roger Rogoff, King County Superior Court)

Sponsored by Federal Bar Association and King County Bar Association

February 10, 2017

"Preserving Issues on Appeal"

Co-presenter to King County Bar Association (Solo/Small Firm Section)

November 9, 2016

"Winning Your Appeal at Trial: Tips on Preservation and Avoiding Error"

Co-presenter to the Washington State Bar Association (Solo and Small Practice Section)

September 22, 2016

AWARDS/HONORS

Named as a Super Lawyer by Washington Law & Politics Magazine in 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 and 2017 Named as a Rising Star by Washington Law & Politics Magazine, 2010 to 2016