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Education

University of Vermont, B.A., English, with Departmental Honors, 1977

University of Puget Sound Law School (now Seattle University Law School), J.D., 1982

National Criminal Defense College, 1986

Bar Status

New Jersey State Bar, Admitted 1983

Washington State Bar, Admitted 1985; qualified under Washington Supreme Court rules to handle capital cases at the trial, appellate and post-conviction levels

Also admitted to practice in the United States District Courts for the Western and Eastern Districts of Washington, the District of New Jersey, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Professional Employment and Experience

New Jersey Office of the Public Defender, Middlesex Trial Region
Legal Intern, Summer 1981

Seattle-King County Public Defender Association
Legal Intern, 1981-1982

New Jersey Superior Court, Criminal Division
Judicial Clerk, 1982-1983

New Jersey Office of the Public Defender, Middlesex Trial Region
Trial Attorney, 1983-1985

Seattle-King County Public Defender Association, Felony Division
Trial Attorney, 1985-1987

Private Practice
Seattle, Washington, 1987-present

Mexican Capital Legal Assistance Program
Consulting Attorney, 2004-present

University of Washington School of Law, Adjunct Professor of Law
Advanced Criminal Procedure, 2008

Honors

2007 Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers President's Award for
"distinguished service in the highest traditions of the criminal defense bar"

Martindale-Hubbell AV rating, signifying "at the highest level of professional excellence"

Washington Law & Politics "Super Lawyer" since 1999

Seattle Business Monthly, January 2008, "Best Lawyers in Seattle"

Washington Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty "Abolitionist of the Year"

National Trial Lawyers Top 100 Trial Lawyers in Washington

Teaching

Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Washington School of Law,
Advanced Criminal Procedure, 2008

National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Northwest Regional Seminar Faculty Member

Washington State Bar Association, April, 1997
Skills Training: Cross Examination, Closing Argument

Washington Defender Association, March 1998
Demonstrative Evidence

Seattle-King County Public Defender Association, 1998 to present
Intern and New Lawyer Training

Washington State Bar Association, June, 1998
Nuts & Bolts of Criminal Law: Motions Practice

Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, November, 1998, Northwest Regional Death Penalty Seminar

"Why You Should Not Take a Capital Case"

Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, February, 1999

Winning Your Case with Experts: "Using a Forensic Pathologist in the Defense Case"

King County Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, May, 1999

"Criminal Motions Practice in the Real World"

Washington State Bar Association, July, 1999

Nuts & Bolts of Criminal Law: Motions Practice

Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, December, 1999

Smashing the Prosecution's Case: Closing Argument

Washington State Bar Association, June, 2000

Nuts & Bolts of Criminal Law: Motions Practice

Washington Death Penalty Assistance Center, July 2002, Yakima and Idaho Capital Resource Center, Boise, August 2003

"The Creative Use of Pain and Suffering in Capital Cases"

2003 Employment Law Institute

Presentation on Openings and Closings

Law Society of British Columbia, November 2003

Vancouver LegalTech: Electronic Mock Trial

Seattle University Law School, March 2004

Electronic Mock Trial

Washington State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, November 2004, 2005, 2006

Technology in the Courtroom

Washington Defender Association, 2005

Dealing with Prosecutorial Misconduct

National Business Institute, 2006

The Criminal Trial

Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, December, 2006
Plea Negotiations

Washington Death Penalty Assistance Center, Seattle, November 2008
Notice Issues; Mitigation for Prosecutor's Decision

Professional and Board Memberships

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 1983-present

Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 1989-present (Board of Governors, 1991-1993; Chair of Membership Committee, 1992-1993; Chair of Death Penalty Committee, 1992-1996)

Northwest Defender Association, Board of Directors, 2006-present; President, 2008-present

Washington Appellate Defender Association, Board of Directors, 1994-95

King County Bar Association, Criminal Law Section

Washington State Bar Association, 1985-present (past member, Criminal Law Section Executive Board)