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I enjoy working here at the law firm with my father, brother, and friends with a focus on construction law, representing all of the various players in the construction field, such as general contractors, subcontractors, material suppliers, owners, architects, designers and engineers. The atmosphere among the attorneys in the office is a good blend of friendship and professionalism. I feel comfortable at any given time walking into an attorney's office to talk, whether it be just shooting the breeze or seeking a second legal opinion. Having an office culture that everyone is comfortable with enhances our productivity and is a big reason why our clients are so satisfied with our legal services. Each attorney has something special to offer, whether it be unique education, experience or insight.

I earned my Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics at the University of Washington in 1997. My economics degree has helped me both in running this law firm and in acting in the best interest of my clients' bottom line. In making strategic decisions in a case, I always put myself in the shoes of my client. If my client had the legal knowledge that I have, how would my client want to pursue the case? Every client is different and every case presents its own set of facts. It's my job to assess the strengths and weaknesses of my client's case as early as possible, present viable options to the client, and recommend a course of action, whether it be pursuit of early settlement or aggressively prosecuting a case. In the end, it's all about dollars and cents. Whether the goal is maximizing your recovery or minimizing your loss, my economics degree has provided me with a skill-set that promotes efficiency and optimum results.

After attending law school at the University of Washington School of Law (2000), I earned my LL.M. in Taxation (2001) from New York University. Almost all business transactions involve tax consequences. There are deals to be made and deals to be avoided. Economics, law and tax consequences create options, issues, and challenges. My education helps me help my clients make the best choices, whether through negotiation with other parties or their lawyers, mediation, arbitration, courtroom litigation, or public agency hearings. The reality is that there is not too much in the business world, particularly construction or real estate, that does not involve the combination of economics, law, and tax issues. I represent clients facing issues at the state level with the Washington Department of Revenue and the federal level with the I.R.S.

Our firm presents many seminars throughout the year. In addition to our in-house seminars, I present for organizations such as the Building Industry Association of Washington, the Washington Department of Labor and Industries, the National Association of Credit Management, Lorman Education Services, the Painting and Decorating Contractors of America, King County Chapter, and the Associated Builders and Contractors of Western Washington.

Education:

LL.M., Taxation, New York University School of Law, 2001

J.D., University of Washington School of Law, 2000

B.A., Economics, University of Washington, 1997

Honors: Economics Department Outstanding Scholar, 1997

Bar Admissions:

Washington State Bar Association, 2001

U.S. Tax Court, Washington D.C., 2004

Languages:

English, Spanish, German