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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**

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 and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

New Jersey State Bar, Admitted 1983, Voluntarily Resigned 2017

**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

AVVO "Superb" Rating

*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

Included in *The Best Lawyers in America* © 2014-present. (© Woodward/White, Inc., Aiken, SC)

## **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

The Defender Association, 1998 to present  
Intern and New Lawyer Trial Practice 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

Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Seattle, December 2012

Creative Use of PowerPoint in Openings and Closings

Washington Defender Association, Seattle, May 2014  
Racial Disparity in the Application of the Death Penalty

Mexican Capital Legal Assistance Program, Tucson, October 2016  
Update on Intellectual Disability Bar to the Death Penalty

### **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, 2006-2012; President, 2008-2012

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)