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CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

1972 Bachelor of Arts
 Scripps College
 Claremont, California

1977 Juris Doctor
 University of Washington School of Law
 Seattle, Washington

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/EMPLOYMENT

1977-1978 Staff Attorney
 National Lawyers Guild – Unemployment Clinic

1978-1985 Staff Attorney
 Misdemeanor /Juvenile Divisions
 The Defender Association
 Seattle, Washington

1985-1989 Assistant Supervisor
 Misdemeanor Division
 The Defender Association
 Seattle, Washington

1989-2000 Assistant Supervisor /Staff Attorney
 Misdemeanor/Felony Divisions
 The Defender Association
 Seattle, Washington

2000-2001 Asst. Felony Supervisor, Intern Supervisor, and Training Coordinator

The Defender Association
Seattle, Washington

2001-2005 Staff Attorney
At Risk Youth and Dependency Divisions
The Defender Association
Seattle, Washington

2005-2006 Training Coordinator .5FTE
Washington Defender Association
Seattle, Washington

Supervising Attorney .5 FTE
Tribal Court Public Defense Clinic/Native American Law Center
University of Washington School of Law

2006- 2009 Supervising Attorney
Tribal Court Public Defense Clinic/Native American Law Center
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AREAS OF INTEREST

Criminal Justice
Public Defense
Tribal Courts
Cultural Competence

BAR ADMISSIONS

1977 Washington State Bar Association
2004 Suquamish Bar Association
2005 Chehalis Bar Association
2006 Tulalip Bar Association
2008 Port Gamble S'Klallam Bar Association

PRO BONO ACTIVITIES

2001-2005 Office of the Navajo Public Defender, Window Rock, Navajo Nation, Arizona
2004-2005 Suquamish Tribal Court, Suquamish, Washington
2005-2006 Chehalis Tribal Court, Chehalis, Washington

OTHER ACTIVITIES

1991-1993 Member- Washington State Minority and Justice Task
Force Advisory Committee

1997 Member- Judicial Advisory Committee to Mayor Norm Rice

- 1998-2009 Board Member- East Madison YMCA
- 2004-2008 Member- Racial Disproportionality Coalition of King County
- 2006-2009 Member- Access To Justice Conference Planning Committee.
- 2008-2009 Member - Native American Task Force Committee on Public Defense

RECENT INVITED PRESENTATIONS (2005-2009).

- 2005 “Racial Disparity in the Criminal Justice System”, Highline Community College, Highline, Washington
- 2006 “The Basics of Public Defense” – Seattle University, Seattle, Washington
- 2006 “Saving Them From Themselves: Ethics and New Lawyers” – Native American Law Students Moot Court competition, University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, Washington
- 2006 “Balancing the Scales of Justice: Criminal and Civil Partnerships” – WSBA Access to Justice Conference, Yakima, Washington
- 2006 “Criminal Defense Practice in Tribal Courts” – Indian Law Symposium, University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, Washington
- 2007 “Criminal Law Issues in Tribal Court” – Indian Law Section, Washington State Bar Association and the Northwest Indian Bar Association, Seattle, Washington
- 2008 “Public Defense in Tribal Courts” – Tribal Court Development Training Conference, Northwest Intertribal Court System, Semiahmoo, Washington
- 2008 “Ethical Issues in Tribal Court Practice” – Indian Law Symposium, University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, Washington
- 2008 “Public Defense, Civil Rights, and Tribal Courts” - Conference on Civil Rights in Indian Country, Washington Indian Civil Rights Commission and the Blackfeet Tribe, Grand Mound, Washington

RECENT TRAINING PRESENTATIONS (2005-2009)

- 2005 “Resources for Public Defenders in Washington State” – Washington Defender Association, Spokane, Walla Walla, Tri-Cities, Yakima, Ellensburg, and Wenatchee, Washington
- 2005 “Criminal Trial Advocacy” – Washington Defender Association, Chelan, Washington

- 2006 “Basics of Criminal Procedure” – Washington Defender Association, Northwest Justice Project, and Columbia Legal Services
- 2006 “Issues in Public Defense Practice” – Washington State Office of Public Defense, Poulsbo, Washington
- 2006 “Domestic Violence” – Washington Defender Association, Yakima, Washington
- 2006 “Different Worlds -Native Youth in the Offender and Dependency Systems” - Suquamish Tribe and the Washington Defender Association, Suquamish, Washington
- 2006 “Trial Advocacy” – The Tulalip Tribes and the University of Washington School of Law, Tulalip, Washington
- 2006 “Basic Trial Practice” – The Office of Navajo Nation Public Defender, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona
- 2007 “Tribal Public Defense” – Office of Navajo Public Defender, Window Rock District Court, Dine Policy Institute and the University of Washington School of Law, Window Rock and Tsaile, Navajo Nation, Arizona
- 2007 “Tribal Advocacy” – The Tulalip Tribes, and the University of Washington School of Law, Tulalip, Washington
- 2007 “Criminal Procedure” – The Makah Tribe and the University of Washington School of Law, Makah, Neah Bay, Washington
- 2007 “Fundamental Law in Tribal Courts” – University of Washington School of Law and the Tulalip Tribes, Seattle and Tulalip, Washington
- 2008 “Tribal Public Defense” – Office of Navajo Public Defender, Dine Policy Institute, University of Washington School of Law, Window Rock and Tsaile, Navajo Nation, Arizona
- 2009 “Diminished Capacity and Insanity” Guest Speaker – Mental Health and the Law - University of Washington School of Law

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2006 Tribal Court Public Defense Clinic (Spring, Fall)
- 2007 Tribal Court Public Defense Clinic (Winter, Spring, Fall)
- 2008 Tribal Court Public Defense Clinic (Winter Spring, Fall)
- 2009 Tribal Court Public Defense Clinic (Winter)