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## **PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

- Avid rock climber and outdoors-woman.
- Attorney with three years of experience in litigation and providing legal advice; three years of experience with bill tracking and preparation of legislative updates in private practice and for CLE presentations.
- Writer and editor with over eleven years of experience in “how to” writing, product reviews, marketing communications, technical writing, interviews and personal essays. Undergraduate degree in Creative Writing.
- Technological early adopter, with sixteen years of experience building businesses & communities online.
- Exceptionally fast learner, skilled at developing new skills quickly. Skilled analyst & advisor with the ability to communicate clearly with customers, managers, executives, constituents, coworkers, elected officials & staff.
- Marketing background and orientation developed through years of work in private industry, small businesses, and on projects in the outdoor industry. Experience planning and working trade and industry shows since 1998.
- Mediator, trained in conflict management & resolution, project management and campaign management.

## **EDUCATION**

### **SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW; SEATTLE, WA**

J.D. May 2005, Magna cum Laude. Seattle University Law Review, Executive Editor Lead Articles.

### **WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY; SEATTLE, WA**

B.A., English/Creative Writing, March 1998.

## **OTHER TRAINING**

- Graduate, 40-hour Basic Mediation and Conflict Management Training, Dispute Resolution Center of Kitsap County, May 2008.
- Participant/Trainee, Participation 2000; Seattle, WA. Completed a two-day campaign management training program conducted at Seattle University.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **REGIONAL LIAISON, KITSAP COUNTY / PUGET SOUND PARTNERSHIP - PRESENT (1/2 TIME)**

Facilitate communication between local jurisdictions and the Puget Sound Partnership agency. Regularly present to varied audiences around the Puget Sound area.

### **ATTORNEY, FIRST ASCENT LAW PS; POULSBO, WA. 2007 - PRESENT (1/2 TIME)**

General practice attorney operating in a broad variety of practice areas including criminal misdemeanor defense; non-taxable estate planning; business & employment law; and civil litigation. Performed marketing duties including employing Twitter and other social media for business development.

### **THE GIRL, ROCKCLIMBERGIRL.COM. 2007 - PRESENT (HOBBY / SMALL BUSINESS)**

What started as a personal blog for fun, has turned into a fledgling small business with a global following. Through blogging, and early adoption of social networking tools including Facebook and LinkedIn, RockClimberGirl.com has become a content and advertising destination for the climbing community.

### **READER BLOGGER, CLIMBING MAGAZINE ONLINE; TELECOMMUTE (PRESENT) GEAR REVIEWER / CONTRIBUTOR, ROCKCLIMBING.COM; TELECOMMUTE (PRESENT)**

**CONTRIBUTING EDITOR, URBAN CLIMBER MAGAZINE; TELECOMMUTE (2007 - 2008)**

**CO-OWNER, KITSAP TECHNOLOGY SERVICES LLC; POULSBO, WA. 2007 - 2008**

Provide technology consulting services including website development and Internet marketing services.

**ATTORNEY, OLSEN & MCFADDEN INC. PS; BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA. 2006 - 2007**

**ATTORNEY, PRESTON GATES & ELLIS LLP; SEATTLE, WA. 2005 - 2006**

Performed advice work, drafting, litigation and legislative research, and legal writing for Labor and Employment, Intellectual Property and Municipal Law/Public Finance departments, and the Electronic Commerce industry group.

**PROGRAM MANAGER, LIZARDTECH, INC; SEATTLE, WA. 1999 - 2002**

Managed cross-functional product development teams in a production software environment. Planned and coordinated projects at a tactical and strategic level; facilitated high-conflict meetings involving team members and stakeholders; proactively identify and address risks to projects; handled project-related communication; and worked with a diverse group of employees, management, executives and customers to develop projects on time and on budget.

**WEB DEVELOPER & PROJECT MANAGER, MEDIA ACCESS; BELLEVUE, WA. 1997 - 1999**

**TEACHING ASSISTANT, COMMUNICATION DEPT., WWU; BELLINGHAM, WA. 1997 - 1998**

**VP OF TECHNOLOGY, CLASS IV PUBLICATIONS; PORT TOWNSEND, WA. 1995-1996**

**INTERNET MARKETING INTERN, SEVEN SEAS SOFTWARE; PORT TOWNSEND, WA. 1993-1994**

#### **SELECTED COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT**

- Board Member and regular volunteer with Kitsap Legal Services; Bremerton, WA. Board Member and volunteer with Washington Climbers Coalition; Seattle, WA.
- Member, Washington State Bar Association and various sections; Washington State Trial Lawyers Association; Washington State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; Washington Women Lawyers Kitsap Chapter; Kitsap County Bar Association; American Bar Association.
- Volunteer, Election Protection 2004; Santa Fe, NM (nonpartisan).

#### **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING APPEARANCES**

- Presenter, "Technology and Marketing for Lawyers" at the "Marketing Without Madison Avenue" WSBA CLE, Seattle, WA, April 4, 2007.
- Presenter, "Introduction to the Washington State Domestic Partnership Registry," Kitsap Family Law Update CLE, June 20th, 2007; Kitsap Family Law Section Lunch, May 11, 2007.
- Presenter, Legislative Update for Municipal Clerks, WA Municipal Clerks' Association Annual Meeting, 2006.
- Author, Comment, Lack of Meaningful Choice Defined: Your Job vs. Your Right to Sue in a Judicial Forum, Seattle University Law Review, Vol. 28, Issue 3 (Spring, 2005).
- Author, Playing Well With Others published in Solitary Scrivener (newsletter of the Lone Writer SIG of the Society for Technical Communication, Fall 2000).

#### **SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS**

- Washington State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Thomas Neville Pro Bono Award recipient, 2007. Attorney of the Month, Kitsap Legal Services.
- 2001 Merit Award Winner, Society for Technical Communication Puget Sound Chapter.

#### **HOBBIES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

- Indoor and outdoor technical rock climbing, hiking, cycling, camping and other outdoor activities.
- Blogging at <http://www.rockclimbergirl.com> and, I'm @theclimbergirl on Twitter.