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### **Employment History**

Founder, Masters Law Group, P.L.L.C., 2011 - present  
Owner, Wiggins & Masters, P.L.L.C., 1998 - 2010  
Attorney, Edwards, Sieh, Smith & Goodfriend, P.S., 1995 - 1998  
Judicial Clerk, The Honorable Elaine Houghton, ret., Washington State  
Court of Appeals, Division II, 1994 - 1995  
Attorney, Burgess, Fitzer, Leighton & Phillips, 1993 - 1994  
Attorney, Albertson & Smith, 1992 - 1993

### **Admissions to Practice**

United States Supreme Court  
Washington State Supreme Court  
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit  
United States District Court, Western District of Washington

### **Education**

J.D., *cum laude*, University of Puget Sound (now Seattle University)  
School of Law, 1992

- Dean's List
- Law review, Lead Articles Editor
- Am. Jur. Awards in Contracts, Civil Procedure, and  
Legal Writing II (Appellate Advocacy)

B.A., Behavioral Science, Metropolitan State College, Denver, CO, 1984

### **Professional Recognitions & Peer Reviews**

Top 10 Washington Super Lawyers® Honoree, 2017 – 2022 (“ranked #1” 2019)  
Fellow, American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, 2010 – present  
Sustaining Life Fellow, American Bar Foundation, 2014 – present  
“The Best Lawyers in America,” Appellate Practice, 2010 – present  
“Lawyer of the Year” – Seattle Appeals – 2022  
“Top Tier” Appellate, 2013 – present  
Featured Washington Appellate Lawyer, The Appellate Lawyers, 2022  
Martindale-Hubbe: “AV Preeminent”® Judicial Edition, 1998 – present  
Various publications (e.g., Super Lawyers®)  
America's Top 100 Attorneys® – Lifetime Achievement Award  
America's Most Honored Lawyers, Top 1%, 2022  
Top 100 Lawyers in Washington, 2008, 2012 – present  
Super Lawyers® Honoree, 2000 – present

### **Professional Affiliations/Committees**

- Co-Chair, Annual ATJ Conference Fundraising Committee, 2019, 2021
- Trustee, Washington State Bar Foundation, 2016 – March 2019
  - President, October 2018 – March 2019
- Washington State Bar Association, 1992 – present
  - Chair, ECCL Rules Task Force, 2016 – 2018
  - Treasurer, WSBA Board of Governors, 2014 – 2015
    - Member, Budget & Audit Committee, 2012 – 2015
  - Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> Dist., WSBA Board of Governors, 2012 – 2015
    - Chair, Disciplinary Selection Committee, 2012 – 2015
    - Personnel Committee, 2012 – 2015
      - Chair, 2013 – 2014
    - Liaison, Court Rules & Procedures Committee, 2012 – 2015
    - Liaison, Escalating Costs of Civil Litigation Task Force, 2012 – 2015
  - Court Rules & Procedures Committee, 2004 – 2012
    - Chair, 2009 - 2012
    - RAP Subcommittee, 2004 - 2005, 2008 - 2009
      - Chair, 2008 - 2009
    - Subcommittee X, 2006 - 2008
      - Chair, 2007 – 2008
  - Amicus Committee, 2000 - 2003
    - Chair, 2001 – 2003
- American Bar Association, 2001 – present
  - Sustaining Life Fellow, American Bar Foundation, 2014 – present
  - Member, Council of Appellate Lawyers
- King County Bar Association, 1995 - present
  - Judicial Evaluation Committee, 2002 - 2009, 2011 – 2019
    - Co-Chair, 2005 - 2006
  - Appellate Law Section, 2005 - present
    - President, 2008 - 2009
    - Executive Committee Member, 2006 - 2010
    - Charter Member, 2005 - present
  - Judicial Conferencing Committee, 2011, 2013 - 2015
  - Awards Committee, 2010 - 2012
  - CLE Advisory Committee, 2010 - 2012
  - Amicus Committee Chair, 2007 – 2009
  - Co-director & Volunteer, Fremont Legal Clinic, 1995 - 1996
- Kitsap County Bar Association, 1998 – present
  - Member, Kitsap (Volunteer) Legal Services, 1999 - present
- American Academy of Appellate Lawyers
  - Fellow, 2010 - present
- Washington Appellate Lawyers Association, 2003 - present
  - President, 2007- 2012
- Washington State Association for Justice, 1998 - present
  - Eagle, 1999 - present

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### **Pro Bono & Community Volunteer Activities**

Washington State Supreme Court

*Pro Bono Publico* Service Commendation, 2004 – present

WSBA Special/Adjunct Disciplinary Counsel, 2002 - 2003, 2008, 2018 - present

Earshot Jazz, Seattle, Board of Directors, 2009 – 2012, 2019 - 2020

President, 2011 – 2012

Emeritus Board Member, 2013 – present

Moot Court Judge, over 50 law school competitions, 1993 - 2000

Volunteer Judge, *We the People* Constitutional Law Competition, 2004 - present

Bainbridge Island Music Center, Board of Advisors, 2009 - 2011

Board of Directors, Bainbridge Island Arts & Humanities Council, 2006 – 2009

### **Publications**

Author, Cover Story: *The Death of Capital Punishment in Washington*, NORTHWEST LAWYER (WSBA May 2019)

Co-Author, *Evidence Rule 413: Unpacking Washington's New Procedural Protections for Immigrants*, NORTHWEST LAWYER (WSBA July 2018)

Contributing Editor, *Briefs on the Merits; Acceptance of Review & Authority on Review*; WASHINGTON APPELLATE PRACTICE DESKBOOK, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed. (WSBA 2016)

Co-Author (with the Honorable Ann Schindler) *Outstanding Judge: Ron Cox* (KCBA Bar Bulletin, June 2012)

Co-Author, *Discovery Abuse: Our Supreme Court Holds the Line*, WSBA LITIGATION NEWS (Vol. 23, No. 2, Summer 2011)

Author, *Profile/Charlie Wiggins: A Tireless Life of Service* (KCBA Feb. 2011)

Contributing Editor, WASHINGTON APPELLATE PRACTICE DESKBOOK, 4<sup>TH</sup> ED. & 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed. (WSBA 2016, 2005 & Supp. 2010)

Co-Author, *Basics of Appellate Practice*, 15 WASH. PRAC. (1997 Supp.)

Co-Author, Editors' Preface: *Predators & Politics: The Dichotomies of Translation in Washington's Sexually Violent Predator Statute*, 15 UNIV. OF PUGET SOUND L. REV. 507 (Spring 1992)

Author, Comment: *Law in the Electronic Brothel*, 15 UNIV. OF PUGET SOUND L. REV. 415 (1992)

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### **Seminar Presentations**

Presenter, STATEWIDE LEGAL ADVOCATE TRAINING, *Supersedeas in Eviction Matters* (NJP 2022).

Panelist, WINNING ON APPEAL: RULES, STRATEGY, AND ADVOCACY, *ETHICS ON APPEAL* (WSBA 2020)

Presenter, 2019 ETHICS IN CIVIL LITIGATION, *Ethical Issues in Appellate Litigation* (WSBA 2019)

Presenter (with Judges Worswick, Maxa, and Glasgow), LIVE FROM DIVISION II: CUTTING EDGE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE APPELLATE COURT AND PRACTITIONERS, *The End of the Fisons Era?* (Div. II, WALA, TPCBA 2019)

Panelist (with Judge John Ruhl), CIVIL PROCEDURE: THE RULES OF THE GAME OR GAMING THE RULES, *State Bar Civil Litigation Rules Drafting Task Force: Overview of the Proposed New Pretrial Discovery Rule* (KCBA/KCSC 2019)

Panelist, KING COUNTY APPELLATE LAW SECTION LUNCH CLE, *Handling Clients on Appeal* (KCBA 2018)

Presenter (with Steve Bulzomi), 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TORT LAW UPDATE, *Afoa II & Appellate Law Update* (TPCBA 2018)

Presenter (with Judge Rebecca L. Pennell), STATEWIDE LEGAL ADVOCATE TRAINING, *Systemic Change Through Appellate Advocacy* (LFW/OCLA 2018)

Presenter (with Justice Debra Stephens & Comm. Aurora Bearse), 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL ADVANCED APPELLATE SEMINAR: Brief Writing & Oral Argument (Pincus 2018)

Panelist, 2018 DV SYMPOSIUM, *Capitalizing On Our Success – Best Practices & Tools that Get Us There: ER 413- Unpacking Washington's New Procedural Protections for Immigrants* (SU School of Law 2018)

Panelist (with Judge Stephen Dwyer), KING COUNTY APPELLATE LAW SECTION LUNCH CLE, *Appellate Brief Writing: Thoughts From the Bench & Bar* (KCBA 2018)

Chair & Presenter, ESSENTIALS OF PERSUASION: APPELLATE LEGAL WRITING IN WASHINGTON & BEYOND (SU School of Law 2017)

Presenter, KITSAP BAR ANNUAL MEETING, *Preserving Issues for Appeal* (2017)

Presenter, *Appellate Case Update*, TPCBA Tort Law Update, (TPCBA 2017)

Chair & Presenter, ADVANCED APPELLATE SEMINAR, *Settlement on Appeal* (Pincus 2016)

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**Seminar Presentations (cont'd)**

Presenter (with Justice Mary Yu & Michael King), *Appellate Practice: The Deskbook Edition, Appellate Briefs* (WSBA 2016)

Moderator, BRIEF WRITING PANEL, SEATTLE CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF APPELLATE LAWYERS (AAAL 2016)

Presenter, FROM RUNNYMEDE TO THE TEMPLE OF JUSTICE – THE CONTINUED RELEVANCE OF MAGNA CARTA AND TIPS ON APPELLATE ADVOCACY, *The Purpose of Each Brief on Appeal* (Washington Courts Historical Society 2015)

Presenter, FAMILY LAW 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW, *Ethical Challenges in the Family Law Case* (Pincus 2015)

Co-Chair, Moderator & Panelist, APPEALS IN WASHINGTON: JUDGES AND LAWYERS IN CONVERSATION (Seattle University School of Law 2015)

Lecturer, JUDGE ANN ELLINGTON'S APPELLATE ADVOCACY COURSE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, *Oral Argument* (University of Washington Law School 2015)

Presenter, NALS SUPER SATURDAY, *Appeals & Writing* (NALS 2015)

Presenter, SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW READY FOR TRIAL SEMINAR, *Great Legal Writing* (SU School of Law 2014)

Presenter, KITSAP BAR CONVENTION, *Case Law Update* (KCBA 2014)

Panelist/Moderator, TPCBA BAR CONVENTION, *Appeals – Everything You Wanted to Know* (TPCBA 2014)

Presenter, WSBA RE-ADMISSION CLE, *Appeals* (numerous presentations) (WSBA 2013, 2014)

Presenter, ADVANCED CIVIL APPEALS ROUNDTABLE, *Update on Cases and Court Rules* (Pincus 2013)

Presenter, THE PERSUASIVE TRIAL ATTORNEY, *Just in Case: Making Sure You Preserve Trial Court Errors* (WSBA 2012)

Chair & Moderator, APPEALS: WRITING, EDITING, PERSUASION & ETHICS (KCBA 2012)

Presenter, THE PERSUASIVE TRIAL ATTORNEY, *Just in Case: Making Sure You Preserve Trial Court Errors and What is Worth Preserving and What is Not* (WSBA 2011)

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**Seminar Presentations (cont'd)**

Presenter, ETHICS WORKOUT, *Court Rules* (KCBA 2010)

Chair & Presenter, WASHINGTON APPEALS: NEW RULES & EXPERT GUIDANCE THROUGH THE APPELLATE PROCESS, *Ethical Issues on Appeal* (WSBA 2010)

Panelist, BENCH – BAR CONFERENCE, PLENARY SESSION, *Civil Appeals* (KCBA 2010)

Panelist, 10 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT, *Civil Appeals* (Gavel & Hammer Society 2009)

Co-Chair/Panelist, APPELLATE PRACTICE INSTITUTE (KCBA 2007, 2008)

Presenter, GEMSTONES OF SUCCESSFUL APPEALS, *Preserving the Appellate Record* (TPCBA 2007)

Presenter, TECHNOLOGY AND THE LAW, *Technology Tips and Tricks for Appellate Practice* (Office of the Washington State Attorney General 2007)

Presenter, APPELLATE LAW UPDATE, *Meretricious Relationships & Other Family Law Issues* (Kitsap County Bar Assoc. 2007)

Presenter, FAMILY LAW “HOT TOPICS,” *Whose Your Momma? Parentage and Parenting in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (KCBA 2006)

Presenter, THE ESSENTIALS OF APPELLATE PRACTICE, *Stays, Attorney Fees, and Trial Court Authority During Appeal* (WSBA 2006)

Presenter, THE MASTER CLASS ON APPEALS, *Perfecting and Using the Record in a Digital Age* (WSBA 2005)

Presenter, ANATOMY OF AN APPEAL, *Dissecting the Opening and Reply Briefs* (KCBA 2005)

Presenter, NAVIGATING THE SHOALS OF THE APPELLATE PROCESS, *half-day seminars* (Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, and Grays Harbor County Bar Assocs. 2002 - 2004)

Presenter, APPELLATE PRACTICE: PERSUASIVE BRIEF WRITING AND BEYOND, *He Said/She Said: Telling the Truth From Your Client’s Perspective* (WSBA 2002)

Presenter, ANATOMY OF AN APPEAL, *Deciding Whether to Appeal* (KCBA 2001)

Presenter, IMPROVING APPELLATE PRACTICE, *Technology on Appeal: Advancing With the New Electronic Tools of the Trade* (Washington State Courts Historical Society 2001)

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**Seminar Presentations (cont'd)**

Presenter, WSTLA ROUNDTABLE, *Preserving Issues on Appeal* (2001)

Presenter, THE APPELLATE PRACTICE, *The Brief of Appellant* (WSTLA 2000)

Presenter, SUBROGATION & LIENS, *Mahler Update – Practical Suggestions* (WSTLA 2000)

Presenter, WINNING APPEALS, *Brief of Appellant and Reply Brief* (KCBA 1999)

Presenter, PROSECUTORS' SPRING TRAINING, *Effective Appellate Advocacy* (WAPA 1999)

Presenter, INTRODUCTION TO APPEALS (Washington State Court of Appeals, Div. II 1998)