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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 – 2024 (“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

Featured Washington Appellate Lawyer, The Appellate Lawyers, 2022 – present

Martindale-Hubble: “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

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, 1st 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

Trustee, Washington State Bar Foundation, 2016 – March 2019

- President, October 2018 – March 2019

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
 - Charter Member, 2005 - present
 - 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, 4th 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, 4TH ED. & 3RD 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, BACK TO THE FUTURE: LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY IN POST-COVID CONSTRUCTION DISPUTES – *Construction Appeals* (WSB 2024)

Presenter, 19TH ANNUAL WSBA LAW OF LAWYERING: THE MUST VS. MUSN'T EDITION, *Sanctions – When It's MUCH Better to Give than to Receive* (WSB 2022)

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

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

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

Presenter, 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, 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), 10TH ANNUAL TORT LAW UPDATE, *Afoa II & Appellate Law Update* (TPCBA 2018)

Presenter, STATEWIDE LEGAL ADVOCATE TRAINING, *Systemic Change Through Appellate Advocacy* (LFW/OCLA 2018)

Presenter, 3RD 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, 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)

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Seminar Presentations (cont'd)

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

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

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, WSB RE-ADMISSION CLE, *Appeals* (numerous presentations) (WSB 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* (WSB 2012)

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

Seminar Presentations (cont'd)

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

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

Chair & Presenter, WASHINGTON APPEALS: NEW RULES & EXPERT GUIDANCE THROUGH THE APPELLATE PROCESS, *Ethical Issues on Appeal* (WSB 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 21st Century* (KCBA 2006)

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

Presenter, THE MASTER CLASS ON APPEALS, *Perfecting and Using the Record in a Digital Age* (WSB 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* (WSB 2002)

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

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Seminar Presentations (cont'd)

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

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