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LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

9/1/18- Present	Law Office of J.D. Smith, PLLC	Owner
9/1/10-9/1/18	Ward Smith, PLLC Attorneys at Law	Partner
7/1/08-8/31/10	J.D. Smith, Attorney at Law PLLC	Owner
2006–2008	Stritmatter Kessler Whelan Coluccio	Of Counsel
2002-2006	Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell, Malanca, Peterson & Daheim	Partner
2000-2002	Bullivant House Bailey	Senior Associate
1998-2000	Cusack Knowles Ferguson	Associate

TEACHING POSITIONS

August 2025	ABOTA Advanced Trial College ¹ Northwestern Pritzker School of Law	Chicago, IL
August 2024	ABOTA Trial College ² Northwestern Pritzker School of Law	Chicago, IL
2025-Present	Highline College, Adjunct Faculty, Paralegal Studies	Highline, WA
2022-Present	University of Washington Continuum College, Civil Litigation Online (Zoom)	
2018-Present	ABA/ABOTA National Trial Academy ³	Reno, NV

¹ Similar to the Trial College from 2024. This was the very first Advanced Trial College offered by ABOTA. The program was designed for lawyers with more trial experience. The program brought expertise from around the country to teach advanced techniques, candid advice and real-world practice. The week long program culminated with the lawyers trying a mock case before real judges, experts and jurors.

² Served on faculty of intense weeklong trial academy. The program is designed for newer lawyers with minimum trial experience. They are taught through lectures, demonstrations and exercises, culminating in a trial before real judges.

³ Joined the faculty in 2018 and most recently in April, 2024 served as Director of the program. This joint program with the ABA and ABOTA is similar to the ABOTA Trial College. One slight difference is the students conduct trials before real jurors that actually reach a verdict.

	National Judicial College Faculty 2018-2022, Director-elect 2023, Director, 2024	
2008-2009	Bellevue Community College, Business Law 200	Bellevue, WA
Fall 2007	University of Washington School of Law Adjunct Professor, Trial Advocacy	Seattle, WA
2010-Present	National Institute for Trial Advocacy Regular Faculty for Deposition and Trial	San Francisco, CA

EDUCATION

Texas A & M University School of Law⁴ Fort Worth, TX
Juris Doctor, 1997

Activities: Student Bar Association, Vice President, 1996-1997
National Order of Barristers, Chancellor, 1996-1997
Moot Court Honors Program, Chairman, 1996-1997
Regional BLSA Communications Director, 1996-1997
ABA Representative, Law Student Division, 1995-1996
Black Law Students Association, Vice President, 1995-1996
ATLA Mock Trial Competition, 1997
Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition, 1997
John Marshall Intellectual Property Moot Court Competition, 1996
Inter-School Moot Court Competition, 1995
Texas Supreme Court, Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, 1996

Texas Wesleyan University, Fort Worth, TX
Bachelor of Science, Mass Communication, 1993
Activities: Presidents' Commission on Diversity, 1993
Student Ambassadors, 1991-1993, Men of Service and Success, 1991-1993

BAR ADMISSIONS

1998	Washington State Bar
1999	United States District Court, Western District of Washington
2001	United States District Court, Eastern District of Washington
2004	United States District Court, Southern District of Texas
2004	United States Supreme Court
2006	United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
2010	United States District Court, Northern District of Texas
2011	Dallas County District Court, Pro Hac Vice (<i>Shabazz v. ATI, Inc.</i>)

⁴ Formerly Texas Wesleyan University School of Law

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), Professional Education Award, January 26, 2021

Washington State Association of Justice (WSAJ), Professionalism Award, July 24, 2015⁵

American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), Associate Membership, June 2011⁶, elevated to Advocate Membership, October 2017⁷

Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award, Texas A & M School of Law, May 15, 2010

Washington Law & Politics Super Lawyer 2004, 2007-2022, Rising Star 2001-2003⁸

King County Bar Association Nominated for Outstanding Young Lawyer 2004

American Bar Foundation⁹ Fellow, 2009-Present, Life Fellow, 2017-Present

2019 Top 100 Civil Plaintiff Lawyer, The National Trial Lawyers

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES:

National Center for State Courts (NCSC)¹⁰

Board of Directors, 2023-Present
Programs Committee 2023- 2024
Advancement Committee 2024
Governance and Nominations Committee, 2024-2025
Audit Committee, 2025-2026

American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)

Co-Chair, Professional Health and Wellness Committee, 2025

National Executive Committee, 2024

National Executive Committee, 2023
Awards Committee

⁵ Award criteria: A lawyer who, by conduct and leadership, promotes professionalism and brings dignity and pride to the legal profession by promoting civility, courtesy and honor among lawyers.

⁶ Membership is by invitation, only and nominees must be approved by 75% of the membership. ABOTA is an honor organization that includes plaintiff and defense attorneys.

⁷ Advocate Members must have obtained a minimum of 50 civil jury trials to verdict or hung jury.

⁸ Less than 5% of the attorneys in the state of Washington receive the recognition as Super Lawyer.

⁹ The American Bar Foundation is an honorary organization of lawyers, judges, and legal scholars whose public and private careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the welfare of their communities and to the highest principles of the legal profession.

¹⁰ The National Center for State Courts is a community of dedicated researchers, consultants and former practitioners who drive innovation and progress in courts and justice systems.

Presidential Task Force Committee
Co-Chair Public Education, 2020-2022
Immediate Past President, 2024-2025
Chapter President, 2023-2024
Chapter President elect, 2022-2023
National Board Representative, 2018-2020
Chapter Secretary, 2019-2020
Co-Chair, Professional Education Committee, 2019-2021
Chapter, Vice President, 2020-2021
Member, Diversity of Membership Committee, 2021-2022
ABA/ABA, Trial Academy Faculty, Reno, Nevada, 2016-present
Director elect, 2022
Director, 2023 (Program cancelled)
Awards Committee, 2022-present

American Board of Trial Advocates Foundation

Treasurer (2024-2025)
Secretary (2023-2024)
Trustee (2021-Present)

American Bar Association (ABA)

Commission on Youth at Risk, 2006-2007
House of Delegates, 2003-2007
Select Committee of the House of Delegates, 2004-2007
Presidents' Advisory Council on Diversity 2004-2007
Bar Leadership Institute, February 2003
Minority Caucus, 2003 to 2007
Young Lawyers Division 1998-2004
Law Student Division 1994-1997

GP/Solo/Small Firm Section
Chair, Litigation Committee, 2005-2006
Corporate Sponsors Committee, 2004-2005
Public Service and Professional Service Committee, 2003-2004

Board of Judicial Administration

Justice in Jeopardy Implementation Committee, 2010-2012

Washington State Bar Association (WSBA)

Judicial Recommendation Committee, 2004-2007
Legislative Committee, 2005-2006
Resolutions Committee, 2004

Annual Awards Committee, 2003
Chapter Editor, Civil Desk Handbook, 2002

Washington Young Lawyers Division (YLD)

President, 2003-2004
President-elect, 2002-2003
Secretary, 2001-2002
Board of Trustees, 1999-2002
Initiative for Diversity Governing Council, 2003-2004
Long Range Planning Committee Chair, 2002-2003
Public Service Committee, 1999-2001
Trial Advocacy Program Committee, 1999-2000

Washington State Association of Justice (WSAJ) formerly (WSTLA)

Diversity Taskforce, 2008-2009
Board of Governors, 2006-2008
Annual Convention Co Chair, 2006-2007
Strategic Planning Taskforce, 2006-2008
Mission Statement/Name Change sub committee
Holly Ball Planning Committee, 2006-2007
Annual Awards Committee, 2006-2008
Diversity Committee, 2005-2007
Seattle downtown Roundtable, Vice Chair, 2007-2008
Development Committee, 2004-2005
Holly Ball co chair, 2003-2004 (50th Anniversary) and 2004-2005
Associate member since 1999 and Eagle Member since 2002

American Association of Justice (formerly ATLA)

AAJ State Delegate, 2006-2008
Minority Caucus, 2nd Vice Chair, 2007-2008
Member, 2000-present

Minority and Justice Commission

Appointed by Washington Supreme Court 2003-2005

Public Justice (Formerly Trial Lawyers for Public Justice)

Member, 2006-2011

NITA (National Institute for Trial Advocacy)

Lecturer/Instructor, 2005-present

“Teach the Teacher Instructor Training”, San Francisco, CA, 2007

Washington Defense Trial Lawyers Association

Board of Trustees, 2001-2002
New Lawyers Committee Chair, 2000-2001
Insurance Committee, 2000-2001
Defense Research Institute, 1999-2001
Chair, Sun break Seminar, March 21-24, 2002, Indian Wells, California

National Bar Association

Member, 1999 to 2001, 2019 to present

Loren Miller Bar Association (LMBA)

President elect, 2007-2008
Budget, Building Search and Membership Committees
Vice President, 2000-2004, 2008-2009
Judicial Recommendation Committee, 2001-2003
United Negro College Fund Walkathon Chair, 1999, 2000
Community Service Committee Co-Chair, 1999-2000
Annual Dinner Committee, 2000

King County Bar Foundation

Board of Trustees, 2003-2005
Future of the Law Institute Governing Council 2004t
Corporate Sponsors Committee 2003
Endowment Campaign Task Force 2003-2004

Washington State Equal Justice Coalition Advisory Council, 2006-2008

Professional Liability Underwriting Society Steering Committee, 2001-2002

Seattle Claims Adjusters Association Monthly Speaker and legal case review author, 2001-2003.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity

Alpha Omicron Boule, Member since 2009, Seattle, WA
Sire Archon, 2020-2022 and 2024
Sire Archon elect 2018-2020
Grammateus (Secretary), 2011-2018

Public Policy Committee Member, 2012-2014
Grand Constitution and Bylaws 2022-2024
Regional Social Action Committee, 2021-2023

Northwest African American Museum

Board of Directors, 2006-2009
Chair, Program Committee, 2007-2008

Youth and Law Forum

Steering Committee 1999-2002, Co-Chair 2000, Chair 2001

First African Methodist Episcopal Church

Member since 1998
Richard Allen Brotherhood
Young Adult Lay Organization
Forum Chair "Understanding Diversity in a Christian Society," June 2000

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Member since May 6, 1995, Initiated through Epsilon Alpha Chapter, Fort Worth, Texas
Current Chapter since 1999, Zeta Upsilon, Seattle, Washington
Friendship Fund Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors, 1999-2001
Keeper of Records and Seals, 2003-2005
Reporter to the Oracle, 1995-1997
Asst. Keeper of Records and Seals, 1996-1997

PUBLICATIONS, LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

2025
2024

Faculty, ABOTA Advanced National Trial College, Northwest Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL, August 5-9, 2025

2024

Faculty, ABOTA National Trial College, Northwest Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL, August 3-9, 2024

Chair, ABA Tort and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS)/American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), National Trial Academy, National Judicial College, Reno, NV, (Confirm date)

2022

Chair-elect, ABA Tort and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS)/American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), National Trial Academy, National Judicial College, Reno, NV, Sept. 2022

Jury Selection Tip for 2022 Jurors, ABOTA Foundation Webinar Series, May 23, 2022.

How to Reduce Liens on Personal Injury Settlements in 7 Steps Webinar, National Business Institute, May 16, 2022

2021

NBI, Washington Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Law - Made Simple,

Is the Motorist Underinsured? Easy Ways to Calculate Limits and Damages

Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Case Mechanics - Real Life Case Scenarios

November 30, 2021

Faculty, ABA Tort and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS)/American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), National Trial Academy, National Judicial College, Reno, NV, September 2021

Plaintiff's Guide: Washington Personal Injury From Start to Finish
Washington Live Online Seminar, 12/16/2021

2020

Chair, "Conducting Expedited Jury Trials", Webinar hosted by ABOTA Foundation, December 8, 2020

Panelist, American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), "Dismissed with Prejudice: A Discussion on Race and the Trial of Civil Cases" Webinar, October 2, 2020

Faculty, ABA Tort and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS)/American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), National Trial Academy, National Judicial College, Reno, NV, March, 14-18 2020 (Cancelled due to Covid-19)

"Taking the Mystery out of Depositions: Preparing Witnesses, Taking and Defending", January 29, 2020, Webinar, Lorman Education Services

2019

Masters in Trial; Co-Chair, American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), The Columbia Tower Club, Seattle, WA, November 7, 2019

Personal Injury Boot Camp, “Trying a Personal Injury Case”: Jury Selection, Creating Powerful Opening and Closing Statement, Presentation of Evidence, Arguing Damages, Direct and Cross Examination, National Business Institute, Seattle, Washington, September 18, 2019

Personal Injury Boot Camp, “Liens in a Personal Injury Case: A How-to Guide: Basics of Liens and Subrogation, Collecting and Negotiating, Hospital Liens, Medicaid Liens, Medicare Lien Process, Establishing a Medicare Set-Aside, ERISA Liens, Workers Compensation Liens, National Business Institute, Seattle, Washington, September 18, 2019

“Ethical Considerations for Personal Injury Attorney’s, Traumatic Brain Injury Cases: Doctor and Attorney Perspectives, National Business Institute, Seattle, WA, June 26, 2019

“Case Selection; defining your career by the cases you don’t take.”, Western Trial Lawyers Association, Summer Seminar, June 3-6, 2019, Wailea, Hawaii.

Faculty, ABA Tort and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS)/American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), National Trial Academy, National Judicial College, Reno, NV, April 13-17, 2019

2018

Masters in Trial; Co-Chair, American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), The Rainier Club, Seattle, WA, November 8, 2018

Faculty, Deposition Skills: Bay Area, Berkeley, CA, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, University of California Berkeley School of Law, Boalt Hall, October 19-21, 2018

Faculty, Littler Mendelson Deposition Skills Program, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, San Diego, CA, August 27-30, 2018

"Taking the Mystery out of Depositions: Preparing Witnesses, Taking and Defending", July 26, 2018, Webinar, Lorman Education Services

Faculty, Building Trial Skills: Western Program, Hotel Kabuki, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, San Francisco, CA, June 24-30, 2018

“Hearsay, Email, Business Record and Social Media – in the Trenches”, Hearsay and Expert Witnesses, National Business Institute, Seattle, WA, June 22, 2018

“Litigating Slip, Trip and Fall Cases in Washington”, **Damages, Settlement and Trial Tactics Specific to Slip, Trip and Fall Injuries**, National Business Institute, Seattle, WA, May 24, 2018

“Litigating Slip, Trip and Fall Cases in Washington”, Handling Medicare, Medicaid and Third Party Liens, National Business Institute, Seattle, WA, May 24, 2018

Masters in Trial, Cross Examination of Accident Reconstructionist, ABOTA, Minnesota Chapter, Minneapolis, MN, May 17, 2018,

Faculty, ABA Tort and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS)/American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), National Trial Academy, The National Judicial College, Reno, NV, April 13-18, 2018

2017

Presentation of Evidence/Recent Developments in Evidence, Volunteer Attorney Services, Yakima, WA, November, 10, 2017

Masters in Trial; A Trial Demonstration from Opening Statement through Closing Argument, “Opening Statement”, American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), Washington Athletic Club, Seattle, WA, November 9, 2017

Faculty, Deposition Skills: Bay Area, Berkeley, CA, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, University of California Berkeley School of Law, Boalt Hall, October 27-29, 2017

“Personal Injury from A to Z”, Liens and Subrogation Made Simple, National Business Institute, Seattle, WA, September 28, 2017

“Personal Injury from A to Z”, Presentation of Evidence, National Business Institute, Seattle, WA, September 28, 2017

“Taking the Mystery out of Depositions”, May 18, 2017, Live Webinar, Lorman Education Services

2016

Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Law, Advanced Practice, “Negotiating Claims When the Third Party Liability Carrier is the UM/UIM Carrier”, Multiple Claimants and Multiple Tortfeasors Scenarios: Oddities and Challenges”, “Trial of the UM/UIM Claim: Focus on Voir Dire and Evidence”, National Business Institute, Seattle, November 1-2, 2016

Faculty, Deposition Skills: Berkeley, CA, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, University of California, Berkley Law, October 14-16, 2016

Faculty, Building Trial Skills: Western Program, Hotel Kabuki, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, San Francisco, CA, June 13-18, 2016

“Starting the Engine in Communicating with Adjusters”, WSAJ Annual Auto CLE, May 4, 2016

“ERISA Lien Resolution and Paralegal Ethics”, Paralegal’s Ultimate Guide to Lien Resolution in Personal Injury Cases, National Business Institute, Video Webcast, February 25, 2016

2015

"Successfully Litigating Automobile Wrongful Death Cases" Live Webinar, Lorman Education Services, December 11, 2015

“Ethics of Client Data Storage”, What You Didn’t Learn in Law School, (About the **Business of Practicing Law**) Washington State Association of Justice, Washington, November 18, 2015

What You Didn’t Learn in Law School, (About the **Business of Practicing Law**) Co-Chair, Washington State Association of Justice, Seattle, Washington, November 18, 2015

Masters in Trial; A Trial Demonstration from Opening Statement through Closing Argument, “Closing Argument”, American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), Washington Athletic Club, Seattle, WA, November 12, 2015

Faculty, Deposition Skills: Bay Area, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, UC Berkley School of Law, Berkley, CA, November 6-8, 2015

Faculty, Klarquist Sparkman, LLP, Advanced Expert Deposition, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Portland, OR, October 15-17, 2015

Faculty, Direct and Cross Examination: Sacramento, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, October 13, 2015

Faculty, Deposition Skills: Seattle, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Seattle University School of Law, August, 11-12, 2015

Faculty, Building Trial Skills: Western Program, UC Berkley School of Law, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Berkley, CA, June 18-20, 2015

Economics of Practicing Law, Panelists, Washington Leadership Institute, March 27, 2015

2014

Faculty, Deposition Skills: Bay Area, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Berkeley, CA, October, 24-26, 2014

Faculty, Littler Mendelson Deposition Skills Program, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, San Diego, CA, September 9-11, 2014

“Revving Up Your Auto Case”, Washington State Association of Justice, Auto Cases 2014, Tacoma, Washington, April 10, 2014

Economics of Practicing Law, Panelists, Washington Leadership Institute, March 28, 2014

2013

“Military Liens” VA, TRICARE), Complex Liens in Personal Injury Settlements, National Business Institute, Seattle, WA, December 6, 2013

“Tips From the Darkside” Washington State Association of Justice, New Member Committee, Seattle, Washington, October 15, 2013

Faculty, Building Trial Skills: Western Program, UC Berkley School of Law, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Berkley, CA, June 16-22, 2013

“Motions, Mistrial, New Trial, Additur and Remittitur”, Bringing Home a Winning Verdict CLE, Washington State Association of Justice, Seattle, Washington, May 10, 2013

Co-Chair “Auto Cases Annual CLE”, Washington State Association of Justice, Seattle, Washington, April 12, 2013

“Juror Questions – Procedure; Objections; Cross/Redirect”, Washington State Association of Justice, Trial Skills Series, Seattle, Washington, February 15, 2013

Economics of Practicing Law, Panelists, Washington Leadership Institute, February 15, 2013

2012

“Ethics from a Litigators Perspective”. Yakima County Bar Association, Yakima, Washington, November 30, 2012

“Marketing Basics: Help Potential Clients Find You”, Washington State Association of Justice, New Member Committee, Seattle, Washington, November 13, 2012

Faculty, Deposition Skills: Western Program, UC Berkley School of Law, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Berkley, CA, October 25-28, 2012

Guest Lecture, “Drafting Complaints”; Seattle University School of Law, Trial Advocacy Class, October 2, 2012

Medicare’s New “Super Claim” and Government Liens Simplified, “Ethics; Protecting Subrogation, Lawyer’s Obligation to Escrow Disputed Funds, Avoiding Conflicts of Interests, Medical Records Treatment under HIPAA”, National Business Institute, September 25, 2012

“How to Win in Red States and Counties”, Washington State Association of Justice, Snohomish County Roundtable; Edmonds, Washington, September 20, 2012

Faculty, Deposition Skills Program: Northwest, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Seattle, Washington, August 7-8, 2012

“Balancing the Load: Tips for reducing stress in your law practice”, Washington State Association of Justice, Annual Convention; The Luvera Seminar, Suncadia, Cle Elem, Washington, August 11, 2012

Faculty, Building Trial Skills: Western Program, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, San Francisco, CA, June 28-30, 2012

Reptile Masters, “Case Selection”, Atlanta, GA, May 5-6, 2012

Personal Injury Boot Camp, “Case Selection”, Washington State Bar Association, May 16, 2012

Economics of Practicing Law, Panelists, Washington Leadership Institute, February 17, 2012

2011

“Communicating with Adjusters: How to talk the talk, cooperate and zealously represent at the same time”, Washington State Association of Justice, Seattle, Washington, October 7, 2011

Faculty, Deposition Skills: Western Program, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, San Francisco, CA, October 7-9, 2011

Faculty, Building Trial Skills: Northwest Program, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Seattle, WA, August 13-14, 2011

Faculty, Deposition Skills Program: Northwest, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Seattle, Washington, August 9-10, 2011

Faculty, Building Trial Skills, Western Program, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, San Francisco, CA, June 16-19, 2011

Keynote Speaker, Seattle University School of Law, BLSA graduation, May 12, 2011

Economics of Practicing Law, Panelists, Washington Leadership Institute, February 11, 2011

2010

Faculty, Deposition Skills, Western, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, San Francisco, CA, October 15-17, 2010

Washington Association of Technical Accident Investigators, Spring Conference, Panelists,
“Preparing for a Deposition”, Redmond, Washington, May 14, 2010

“Thoughts after Reading *Reptile*; Closing Argument, Washington State Association of Justice,
Seattle, Washington, March 31, 2010

Economics of Practicing Law, Panelists, Washington Leadership Institute, February 19, 2010

2009

"50 Random Tips for Your Personal Injury Practice; At Least One Will Be Helpful"
LITIGATION STRATEGIES in the Post-BUSH Era, Buenos Aires, Argentina, October 12, 2009

“Handling the Auto Injury Claim: KNOW HOW TO WALK THE ETHICAL LINE;
Common Threats to the Attorney-Client Relationship; Dealing Fairly With Conflicts Involving
Multiple Defendants; the Ethics of Disclosing Information Which Defeats Coverage; How Issues
of Legal Liability and Ethics Intersect, National Business Institute CLE, August 25, 2009

“Going Solo: A Personal Injury Attorney’s Perspective” Early Years of Litigation Practice,
Washington State Association of Justice, Seattle, Washington, June 25, 2009

Panelist, “Tips On Keeping Your Legal Practice Profitable In This Economic Downturn”,
Statewide Diversity Conference, Seattle University, Seattle, WA, June 12, 2009

“Identity and the Law: The Fight for Rights”, Bellevue College, Bellevue, WA, May 5, 2009

“Litigating to Win Through Advanced Trial Advocacy: Ethical Considerations (Conflicts of
Interest, Handling Prejudicial Evidence, Talking to Witnesses Before they Testify and The Rules
of Professional Conduct”, National Business Institute CLE, April 22, 2009

“Automobile Litigation: Strategic Issues and Answers: Auto Insurance Policies: Interpretation,
Issues and Hidden Treasures”, National Business Institute CLE, April 21, 2009

“Automobile Litigation: Strategic Issues and Answers: Experts: Finding the Right Ones,
Affordability, and Strategies”, National Business Institute CLE, April 21, 2009

Economics of Practicing Law, Panelists, Washington Leadership Institute, February 21, 2009

2008

Panelist, “Building Client Confidence” Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, hosted by
Seattle University School of Law, November 6, 2008

Master of Ceremony, Wiley A. Branton Twentieth Annual Awards Luncheon, National Bar
Association, Seattle, Washington, October 17, 2008

“Family Services; the Most Under-Utilized Damages”, Damages: Everything but the Kitchen Sink Seminar, WSTLA, Seattle, Washington, October 10, 2008

“Railroad Injuries; from injured employees to grade crossing crashes”, Planes, Trains and Automobiles Seminar, WSTLA, Tacoma, Washington, September 19, 2008

Faculty, “Building Trial Skills”, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, September 10-12, 2008

Faculty, “Northwest Deposition Series”, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, July 29-30, 2008

“A Panel Discussion About Diversity and the Practice of Law” WSBA YLD, July 17, 2008

“Guaranteed Ways to Improve Presentation Skills” Idaho Trial Lawyers Association, Sun Valley, Idaho, June 21, 2008

Panelist, “Writing for your Audience”, University of Washington School of Law, May 16, 2008

“Friends can sometimes be your best Mentors; A Special Thank you to my friends Ron Ward and James Williams”, ABA Goal 9 Newsletter, May 2008

Minority Bar Associations: Roundtable, WSBA Leadership Institute, February 22, 2008

Young Lawyer Division: An Overview, WSBA Leadership Institute, February 23, 2008

2007

Faculty, “Western Deposition Program, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, San Francisco, California, October 12-14, 2007

“Ten Ways to Improve Presentation Skills” WSTLA Annual "Paris - Not Paris, but Prague", September 24-26, 2007, City of Prague

“Bring in the Album; Finding the Story”, WSTLA, Seattle, Washington, May 24, 2007

Career Panelist, “Being a Champion for the Underdog and Still Paying the Bills: Plaintiff Success Stories”, WSTLA, UW Law School, Seattle, Washington, April 4, 2007

Panelist, “Developing a Network”, WSBA Bridging the Gap Conference, March 4, 2007

“How the Bar Works: The ABA – Washington’s Delegation”. WSBA Leadership Institute February 23, 2007

“Motivating and Recruiting Volunteers” ABA YLD Bar Leaders Academy, Miami, Florida, February 9, 2007

2006

Future of the Law Institute, Mock Trial Demonstration, University of Washington School of Law, November 18, 2006

Panelist, "Building a Book of Business", KCBA, October 25, 2006

"Recent Developments on taxability of personal injury settlements", Washington State Trial Lawyers Association and Paris-American Academy, Lisbon, Portugal, September 19, 2006

"Juror Perceptions and Responses to the Use of Technology and How to Deal with Them", ATLA Annual Convention, Seattle, July 18, 2006

"Rebuilding Our Communities; Hurricane Katrina catastrophe and its impact on the minority community", ABA Mid-Summer Professional Development Seminar, Detroit, June 10, 2006

Keynote Address, "Everyone will stumble and fall but only Winners Get Up", WSBA Pre Law Leadership Conference, Yakima, Washington, May 13, 2006

Panelist, "Developing a Network", WSBA Bridging the Gap Conference, March 4, 2006

2005

Keynote Speaker, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Founders Day Banquet, November 17, 2005

"Jury [De]Selection Today", Winning Your Product Liability Case; Handling Death Cases, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, October 21, 2005

"Gastric Bypass Litigation", Washington State Trial Lawyers Association and Paris-American Academy, Quebec City, Canada, September 26, 2005

Future of the Law Institute, Mock Trial Demonstration, University of Washington School of Law, summer 2005

"Closing Arguments I & II", Program Chair and Moderator, ABA National Conference for the Minority Lawyer, Seattle, WA, June 23, 2005

"Plaintiff's Testimony", Damages Essentials, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, May 19, 2005

2004

"Damages in Washington Civil Trial Practice", National Business Institute 6.0 hour CLE, November 17, 2004

Chair, Winning Your Case in Discovery and Depositions, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, November 2004

“Litigating Against the Government; the Nuances of the Government as a Defendant”, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association and Paris-American Academy, Paris, France, September 27, 2004

“Summation in the Modern World”, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association and Paris-American Academy, Paris, France, September 28, 2004

“The Art of Cross-Examination”, Part I: Panelist and Part II: Demonstration, ABA National Conference for the Minority Lawyer, San Francisco, California June 17, 2004

“Celebration of the 1954 decision of *Brown v. Board of Education*, WSBA De Novo, June, 2004

“Introducing the WYLD Bridge Builders”, WSBA Bar News, May, 2004

Inaugural Lecturer, “How the Bar works”, Washington Leadership Institute, May, 2004

“Civil Liability: What you should Know”, Youth and Law Forum, April 24, 2004

“Superior Deposition Strategies”, National Business Institute 6.5 CLE, April 8, 2004

2003

“My Privilege to Serve You”, WSBA De Novo, December 2003

“A Tribute to a Legend; Joe Gordon, Sr., De Novo, October 2003

“The American Legal System”, Gordon College, October 2003

“Medical Device Litigation in the 21st Century”, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association and Paris-American Academy, Florence, Italy, September 23, 2003

Faculty, Northwest Deposition Program, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, September 9-11, 2003

“Trying your First Premises Liability Case in Washington”, National Business Institute 6.5 hour CLE, August 27, 2003

“*Switching Sides*; Helpful Defense Techniques for the Plaintiff Lawyer“, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association Annual Convention; Paul Luvera Seminar, July 25, 2003

“The Art of cross examination”, ABA National Conference for the Minority Lawyer, Philadelphia, PA, June 5, 2003

Panelist against Tort Reform, Washington State Orthopedic Association, Socioeconomic Symposium, Chelan, Washington, June 21, 2003

Demonstration: Voir Dire, Trial Skills in the Courtroom, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, May 29, 2003

“The New General Rules of Evidence”, Strategies for the Information Age, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, April 11, 2003

“Rules of the Game” Guidance and Support Panel, Seattle University School of Law, February 27, 2003

“So, you think you want to be a Plaintiff’s Attorney?” Seattle University School of Law, February 5, 2003

2002

"Arguing the Motion for Directed Verdict", Nuts & Bolts of Trial, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, October 31, 2002

Moderator, Auto Cases Replay, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association September 17, 2002

"Liability for elevator injuries: A case to consider", Seattle Claims Adjusters, September 2002

"Caution when buying property on a slope", Seattle Claims Adjusters, April 20002

"Claims Handling Developments", Seattle Claims Adjusters Spr. Conference, 2002

2001

"Motion Practice - Winning before the Hearing is Held", Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Convention, July 2001

"Jury Selection in a Catastrophic Injury Case", The Jury, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, May 16, 2001

"New Approaches to Professional Development", WSBA Bar Leaders Conference, June 2001

2000

"Pre Trial Motions/Trial Preparation," WYLD Trial Advocacy Program 2000

"Jury Selection", WSBA CLE Lunch and Learn Series 2000

"Opening Statements", WSBA CLE Lunch and Learn Series 2000

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