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Education:

Pre-Legal Education: San Diego State University, 1997, B.A. Political Science with a minor in Latin American Studies, *with distinction in the major*.

- Twice named to Dean's List for Academic Achievement

Legal Education: University of San Diego School of Law, 2001, J.D.

- Recipient of First-Year ½ Tuition Merit Scholarship.
- Attended Barcelona Institute of Law, Barcelona, Spain, summer, 1999.
- Attended Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, summer, 1999. *Highest grade in class.*

Licenses Held / Jurisdictions Admitted:

- Arizona State Bar Active Member in Good Standing, Admitted January 2005.
- California State Bar Active Member in Good Standing, Admitted April 2003.
- United States Federal District Court for the Southern District of California.
- United States Federal District Court for the District of Arizona.

Employment Experience:

December 2018-Present: Deputy Yavapai County Attorney

Yavapai County Attorney's Office Civil Division, Prescott, Arizona.

Description: Deputy County Attorney with the Yavapai County Attorney Office's Civil Division handling governmental legal matters on behalf of County departments and political subdivisions as authorized and directed by Statute. Current assignments include, but are not limited to: Advising the Yavapai County Treasurer's Office and handling matters for that office including Bankruptcies in which the County is a party, Tax Lien Foreclosures, Excess Proceeds, Condemnations, Escheatment, Public Records Requests, Decedent Estate Claims, Contracts, Policy Drafting and Review, Legislative Drafting and Analysis, Special Projects, and General Legal Advice; Advising the Yavapai County Public Fiduciary's Office and handling matters for that office including Guardianships, Conservatorships, other Protective matters, Special Projects, and General Legal Advice; Sexually Violent Person matters pursuant to A.R.S. Title 36 Chapter 37; Advising Counsel to the Board of Supervisors on matters from assignments as they relate to the Board's Agenda. Previous assignments and duties have included Advising the Yavapai County Library District and handling matters for that office including Contracts, Policy Drafting and Review, Special Projects, and General Legal Advice; Handling Adoption matters involving the County Attorney's Office pursuant to A.R.S. Title 8; Civil Asset Forfeiture, Appearance Bond Forfeiture, Yavapai County Constables, Yavapai County Elections Department, Yavapai County Fleet Department, Yavapai County Recorder's Office, Yavapai County Sheriff's Office, and Title 36 Chapter 5 Mental Health Court Ordered Treatment cases. These assignments involve comprehensive, complex, and high-volume transactional, litigational, ministerial, and/or advisory duties. These assignments require solid research, writing, executive, communication, time management, project management, and courtroom trial practice skills.

August 2024-Present: Adjunct Instructor
Yavapai College, Prescott, Arizona.

Description: Adjunct Instructor within the Yavapai College Paralegal Studies Program. Duties include teaching several classes during the academic year including Family Law, Legal Ethics, and Juvenile Dependency Law. With regard to the Juvenile Dependency Law course, I developed and implemented the instructional curriculum as a new class, adding to the College's course catalog, and presenting the opportunity for other educational institutions to use the course for their programs. Currently, I am preparing the groundwork for revamping, updating, and restructuring the current Family Law class offering, so as to offer more up to date and dynamic content, with a current completion target of spring of 2027 for use in instruction in the fall of 2027. Significant activities relating to this employment are presentation of content, discussion with students regarding issues within the subject matter and course materials, grading assignments and submissions, student communications, following up with students to help maximize their chances of academic success, interacting with faculty administration, ensuring that my Yavapai College training and other related requirements and educational programs are kept current, and various general ministerial duties associated with a position within College instruction.

November 2014-December 2018: Owner/Attorney
The Cordrey Law Firm, PLC, Phoenix, Arizona.

Description: Owner and solo attorney practicing primarily in the area of Domestic Relations, including, but not limited to, Dissolution proceedings, Child Support Establishment, Modification, and Enforcement matters, Paternity actions, Custody / Legal Decision-Making and Parenting Time Modifications, Post-Decree Enforcement and Modification actions, Relocation matters, Protective Order proceedings, Juvenile Court and Adoption matters, and various other Domestic Relations matters. The firm also handled many cases in the areas of Civil Litigation, Contract Negotiation, Contract Review, Contract Enforcement, Real Estate, Landlord Tenant, Commercial Lease, and Probate. Experience included both transactional work as well as extensive experience in oral argument and trial advocacy. The firm handled multiple cases on a *pro bono publico* basis for financially disadvantaged persons, including one instance of litigating a *pro bono* matter through the Appeals process with the Arizona Court of Appeals Division I. The firm trained and provided hands-on instruction and experience for an intern during the intern's three-year law school program of study, as well as after graduation from law school. Duties included both legal professional work, as well as ministerial / business management related tasks, and therefore required substantial and effective time and resource management abilities, as well as strong attorney-client relations and communication skills.

October 2005-November 2014: Associate Attorney
The Harrian Law Firm, PLC, Glendale, Arizona.

Description: Associate Attorney practicing primarily in the area of Domestic Relations, including, but not limited to, Dissolution proceedings, Child Support Establishment, Modification, and Enforcement matters, Paternity actions, Custody / Legal Decision-Making and Parenting Time Modifications, Post-Decree Enforcement and Modification actions, Relocation matters, Juvenile Court Dependency and Adoption matters, and various other Domestic Relations matters. Practice also included matters in the areas of Civil Litigation, Adversarial Bankruptcy, and Probate. Experience included both transactional work as well as extensive experience in oral argument and trial advocacy. Duties required substantial and effective time, resource, and staff management abilities, as well as strong attorney-client relations and communication skills.

March 2005-October 2005: Associate Attorney
Burton & Leather & Associates, Phoenix, Arizona.

Description: Associate Attorney practicing in an exceptionally high-volume Firm primarily in the areas of Domestic Relations, Probate, and Personal Bankruptcy. Experience included intensive trial advocacy, as well as transactional work. Gained valuable experience in time, resource, and staff management.

June 2002-August 2002: Software Algorithm Analyst

David R. Preston & Associates, APC, San Diego, California.

Description: Performed contract work for this patent law firm, utilizing legal, technical, and computer code analysis skills in preparation for patent applications. The specifics of this contract work are subject to a non-disclosure agreement, and therefore cannot be more fully described.

January 2001-April 2001: Intern

San Diego Office of the Alternate Public Defender, San Diego, California.

Description: Assisted Deputy Public Defenders in preparing and managing cases, preparation for trial, drafting motions, creating points and authorities documents, researching applicable law and procedure, reviewing and analyzing potential evidence, witnesses, and investigative reports, as well as establishing and maintaining contact with clients. Extensive experience gained in legal writing and motion practice.

June 2000-May 2001: Student Research Assistant

Professor Cynthia Lee, University of San Diego School of Law, San Diego, California.

Description: Performed detail-oriented fact and cite checking of sources and points of law. Proofread, corrected, and suggested format changes for Professor Lee's book published by NYU Press entitled *Murder and the Reasonable Man: Passion and Fear in the Criminal Courtroom*.

January 1997-May 1997: Intern

San Diego City Council Office, Councilmember Judy McCarty, San Diego, California.

Description: Handled constituent relations via phone and email, including the identification, tracking, and resolution of constituent requests and complaints. Assisted Councilmember in remaining current with issues within the District.

April 1996-May 1997: Administrative Assistant

San Diego State University Library Administration Office, San Diego, California.

Description: Assisted in the maintenance of the library's electronic card-catalog system, as well as construction, addition of content, and testing of the web interface for the library's online card-catalog system. Assisted in preparing Department of Education budget requests and proposals for the library. Performed clerical and general filing duties.

Relevant Skills:

- Over 20 years of continuous legal practice in the state of Arizona.
- Superior written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to break down, convey and explain technically complex subjects in understandable terms.
- Compassion, patience, diplomacy, understanding, and excellent legal "bedside manner".
- Ability to efficiently manage time and resources in a high stress environment.
- Ability to effectively plan and delegate duties among support staff in order to increase efficiency in resolving complex issues.
- Proficiency in researching and locating solutions to unexpected obstacles when encountered.
- Ability to quickly learn, process, and apply new concepts.

References:

- Available upon request.

Family Information / Hobbies:

- I am married to my wife of 22 years, Corrie, who works as an Occupational Therapist with special needs children.
- My wife and I are blessed with two wonderful sons, Raiden, age [REDACTED] and Takeo, age [REDACTED]
- My hobbies include boxing, playing the bass guitar, Linux, and USPSA tactical target shooting.