

Nicholas J. Pleasants

Education

University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA

Juris Doctor, June 2015

Masters of Law in Taxation, June 2015

Honors: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Comparative and International Law Survey,
CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Sales (UCC Article 2)

CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Taxation of Estates, Trusts, and Beneficiaries

Activities: Asian/Pacific American Law Student Association (President), Minority Law Students
Association (Historian), Immigrant Families Advocacy Project

Columbia University, New York, NY

Bachelor of Arts, Economics & Political Science, May 2012

Honors: Dean's List, 4 semesters

Activities: Compass Christian Koinonia (President), Jubilation! A cappella Group (Treasurer)

Legal Experience

Oseran Hahn P.S.

Bellevue, WA

Shareholder

March 2022 - present

- Practicing in Estate Planning, Probate, Wills, Trusts, Guardianships, and TEDRA

Pleasants Law Firm, P.S.

Bellevue, WA

Owner

October 2019 – March 2022

- Practiced in Elder Law
- Managed team of paralegal and support staff to effectively advocate for clients
- Responsible for all business functions, including accounting and tax reporting

James Pleasants, P.C.

Bellevue, WA

Associate Attorney

October 2015 – September 2019

- Practiced in the areas of Civil Litigation, Estate Planning / Probate / Wills / Trusts,
Guardianships, Landlord/Tenant, and Real Property
- Oversaw technology upgrades to document management systems to improve efficiency

United States Small Business Administration

Seattle, WA

Legal Extern

September 2014 – December 2014

- Researched 504 Loan Program and Certified Development Corporations
- Researched UCC Article 9 and Foreclosure Process as it applied to 504 Loan Program
- Prepared presentation and supporting materials on Public UCC Sales under Article 9

Department of Financial Institutions

Tumwater, WA

Extern in Securities Division

July 2013 – September 2013

- Analyzed IPO and other equity filings for regulatory compliance from businesses raising
as little as \$1 Million to corporations raising over \$1 Billion.
- Reviewed franchise applications and advertisements from multinational corporations
- Participated in conference calls with Blue Sky regulators from the 50 states and D.C.

Publications and Presentations

- *Garn-St. Germain Act: An Overview of When You Can Transfer Property Subject to a Mortgage*, 2025 WSBA RPPT Midyear CLE, May 31, 2025
- *2022 Elder Law Legislative Update*, WSBA Elder Law CLE, June 7, 2022
- *2021 Probate Code Update*, KCBA Elder Law Section, Fall 2021
- *Estate Planning, Probate, and Trust Disputes During COVID-19*, WSBA RPPT Annual CLE, December 2020
- *Conducting Estate Planning and Probate and Handling Trust Disputes During COVID-19*, WSBA RPPT Newsletter, Summer 2020
- *What happens when a minor child is entitled to receive money?*, WSAJ Workers Comp CLE, Fall 2018
- *WSBA New Lawyer Education Practice Primer – Trust Planning*, Fall 2017

Organizations

- Washington State Bar Association Elder Law Section (Board Member '20-present)
- Washington State Bar Association Solo & Small Practice Section (Board Member '20-present)
- Granite Curling Club of Seattle (Treasurer, '24-present)
- Asian Bar Association of Washington (Director '22-present)
- Grace and Truth Baptist Church (Deacon, '25-present)
- Chinese Southern Baptist Church (Trustee, '19-'25)
- Washington Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (Director '21-'24)
- Washington State Bar Association RPPT Section (Member, '15-present)
- Washington State Association for Justice (EAGLE Member, '18-present)
- East King County Estate Planning Council (Member, '17-present)

Language Skills

- Japanese – proficient