

Statement of Interest
Elder Law Section
Alexa N. Ritchie

I specialize in estate planning, probate, trust administration, guardianship, and conservatorship. I have represented clients in probate court in probate, trust administration, TEDRA actions, guardianship, conservatorship, and vulnerable adult matters. I also have some experience with mediation. I have specific personal and work experience working with the elderly and vulnerable adults. I am interested in serving on the Elder Law section executive committee to both increase my knowledge and to contribute my experience in the area of elder law.

I have an educational and work experience background in medical social work, specifically working with older adults. I began my law career working as a guardian ad litem in guardianship matters, and rediscovered my love of this population group during that time. My work as a guardian ad litem led to my pursuit of a legal education and ultimately to obtain my law license. The focus areas of my law practice today provide extensive opportunity for interaction with and service to the elderly.

Alexa Newby Ritchie

Attorney at Law

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Experience

Landerholm, P.S. **2021-present**

- Attorney - Licensed in Washington
- Estate Planning, Probate, Trust Administration, TEDRA, Guardianship, Conservatorship, Vulnerable Adults

Pabst Holland & Reynolds, PLLC **2018-2021**

- Attorney - Licensed in Washington
- Estate Planning, Probate, Trust Administration, TEDRA, Guardianship

Salmon Creek Law Offices **2013-2018**

- Paralegal - Estate Planning, Guardianship, Probate, client relations
- Rule 6 Law Clerk

Clark County Superior Court **2012-2013**

- Title 11 Guardian ad Litem
- Title 26 Guardian ad Litem

Medical Teams International

- Serving communities affected by disaster, conflict and poverty locally and globally
- Fundraising, event planning

Education

Rule 6 Law Clerk, Washington State Bar Association **2014-2018**

Alternative to law school authorized under rule 6 of the Washington Supreme Courts Admission and Practice Rule (APR) 6. It is a four-year program designed to provide educational and practical experience through a combination of work and study with an experienced lawyer or judge.

BASW, University of Washington School of Social Work

Medical Social Work internship, Providence Hospital (now Swedish Medical Center) - serving Elderly and AIDS patients with discharge planning, social services, and insurance and financial aid applications

Piano Performance studies, University of Puget Sound

Piano performance scholarship and winner of the annual UPS Concerto-Aria competition (as a freshman)

Salutatorian, Fort Vancouver High School

Boards and Community Service

Washington State Bar Association, Law Clerk Board **2019-present**

Board member providing oversight of the Rule 6 Law Clerk Program. Liaison between clerks/tutors and the Board of Governors. Committee member drafting revisions to the Rules and Regulations.

RealVest Corporation, Board Member

2019-2021

RealVest Trust, Trustee

RealVest Board member and RealVest Trustee providing oversight of the RealVest Corporation holdings and business matters, including asset management, property management, and development. Advisory role in supporting local community organizations including Hough Foundation, Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, The Historic Trust, and Southwest Washington Center for the Arts.

Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program

2019-present

Volunteer lawyer for local nonprofit organization providing free legal advice for qualifying low income clients in Clark County.

Lawyer Talk at Fort Vancouver Regional Library

2019-present

Volunteer lawyer at a monthly free legal clinic at the local library.

Skills and Life Experience

Law office experience as an attorney drafting documents, pleadings, and letters. Experienced with client interaction and taking a client matter from intake to closure. Representation of clients in court on probate, trust, and guardianship matters. Resourceful, goal-oriented, quick learner. Works well with people, strong moral character. Compassionate, yet appreciate the framework of justice and the law. Personal and work experience with the elderly and mentally ill. Mentor to first-time mothers. Volunteer at food pantry. PTA chair position. Local church volunteer. Trained classical pianist and piano instructor. Mother of three boys, married. Interested in music, food, coffee, travel, books, and textile arts.