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WSBA Elder Law Section Executive Committee

Thank you for considering me for the Communications co-chair for the next two-year term. I would like to continue serving on this amazing executive committee and would like to be nominated in this position. I have been on the committee as the co-chair of the two CLE's we sponsor since October 1, 2016. I have enjoyed this role but would like to branch out into another position.

I know that Mark Vohr and I can work cohesively for our members. We have known each other for over a decade and have worked together on many important Elder Law issues. It is important to provide information to our members that may impact or do impact our practice. I know I can keep abreast of the necessary communication our members need for their practice. I can consistently keep in touch with our membership committee, the CLE co-chairs, our legislative chairs and other executive committee members to get the information and ensure the information is disseminated timely and accurately.

I have been licensed to practice law since 2002 and have been in Elder Law private practice since 2008. I practice in King, Kitsap, Pierce and Thurston counties. I am not currently serving on any other committee and know that I will have the time to keep our members informed.

Warm Regards-

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**Education**

**Gonzaga University School of Law** Spokane, WA

Juris Doctorate, May 2002 WSBA #32870

- ◆ Editor in Chief, *Gonzaga Law Review*
- ◆ Women's Law Caucus, Past President and Past Myra Bradwell Chairman
- ◆ Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, Past Clerk
- ◆ Linden Cup Moot Court Competition, participant

**University of Mary Hardin-Baylor** Belton, TX

Bachelor of Science, Nursing, 1996

- ◆ Texas Nursing Students Association, Convention Director

**University of California** Davis, CA

Bachelor of Science, Human Development, 1992

**Experience**

September 2008- present **Attorney/RN Consultant**

**CTW Caring Solutions and CTW Law Firm**

- ◆ Manages and operates law practice and nurse consulting firm specializing in representing and care managing clients who may be cognitively or physically impaired, developmentally disabled, have mental health concerns and/or are traumatically brain injured.
- ◆ Provides legal advice and legal services to include wills, powers of attorney, probate, TEDRA, advanced directives, POLSTS, long term care planning, guardianship matters, and protection of vulnerable adults.
- ◆ Title 11.88 Guardian ad Litem; appointed by King, Kitsap and Pierce County Superior Courts to conduct investigations for minors and adults who are alleged to be incapacitated; serves as counsel for Alleged Incapacitated Persons; serves as Settlement guardian ad litem, probate guardian ad litem, Litigating guardian ad litem, and Special Master. I attend yearly GAL trainings in all counties I am a GAL in and often am a educator for the attendees
- ◆ Provides regulatory compliance assessment, evaluation, teaching, hands-on-skills, and knowledge testing related to (to include enforcement requirements from the State of Washington) adult family homes, assisted livings and nursing homes; staff education; policy and procedure revision; mock inspection; survey consultation or other

tailored needs unique to a community.

- ◆ Consultation services can include assessment, care plan, care interventions and evaluations as a service or as a knowledge base teaching opportunity with assessment evaluation and skills testing.
- ◆ Performs accurate, comprehensive nursing assessments specific to a child or adult's biological, psychological, social, and spiritual well-being; to include, but not limited to care plans, negotiated service agreements, educational plans/curriculum, work/employment, and social development
- ◆ Develops care plans and identifies resources to assist non-paid family members who are the primary care providers for their children, aging parents, disabled siblings or other loved ones, in an effort to provide continued effective care, and maximizing financial and social resources and preventing burn out.
- ◆ Promotes and advocates for child and adult rights, including special education, home care resources, discharge planning, and care resources.
- ◆ Serves as a RN expert witness involving vulnerable adult abuse, negligence and wrongful death.

August 2006-August 2008      **Field Manager Residential Care Services, Region 6 Department of Social and Health Services**

- ◆ Managed and supervised 13 field staff (14 staff total) who (1) licensed adult family homes (AFH) and (2) assisted livings (AL); and (2) performed state and federal licensure of nursing homes (NH); (3) investigated resident abuse in these facilities. This geographical area was specific to 8 counties and included approximately 300 adult family homes, 44 boarding homes and 16-18 nursing homes. The staff included 12 registered nurses, one non-nurse and one administrative assistant, who resided in 3 different offices: Olympia, Kelso and Vancouver.
- ◆ Comprehensive detailed command of AFH, AL and NH Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and Washington Administrative Code (WAC) regulatory base;
- ◆ Comprehensive detailed command of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) F tags related to NH statutory compliance and CMS (federal) enforcement remedies
- ◆ Detailed knowledge of the inspection/survey/complaint process and procedures for AFH, AL and NH; accountable

to ensure inspection and complaint investigations were conducted accurately and timely, according to procedure, statutory time lines, Complaint Resolution Unit process and Governor expectations (GMAP)

- ◆ Investigated allegations of facility failed practice and vulnerable adult abuse in AFH & AL and license AFH and AL facilities to ensure compliance with statutory requirements.
- ◆ Investigated allegations of facility failed practice and vulnerable adult abuse in nursing homes and license NH facilities to ensure compliance with state and federal regulatory requirements.
- ◆ Assessed and determined best course of action to take to protect and further promote the goals and objectives of the Department; made timely/responsive decisions using a logical and rationale approach, while maintaining transparency within statutory requirements
- ◆ Concisely, accurately and timely produced written reports of investigation/survey/inspection conclusions in AFH, AL and NH facilities.
- ◆ Effectively communicated in writing and orally, & facilitated communication with facilities (AFH, AL & NH) the Department, administrators, community stakeholders, family members, & residents.
- ◆ Provided objective and timely civil or federal enforcement recommendations to RCS headquarters
- ◆ Recruited, interviewed and hired; mentored, delegated, coached, trained; prepared and conducted performance evaluations; implemented necessary corrective action; developed work plans; and provided daily oversight guidance. Maintained accurate desk files and reported attendance timely and accurately.
- ◆ Ensured staff collected data and wrote reports that were outcome-based, solid/accurate and objective and timely.
- ◆ Key member of regional RCS management team with significant input on development and changes to statewide policies and formation of long-range program objectives.

June 2004-July 2006 Legal Benefits Advisor and Attorney Home and Community Services, Region 6 Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)

- ◆ Provided sound legal advice and consultation to 21 Adult Protective Services (APS) social workers and 5 or more HCS

management staff in 12 counties, including the Regional Administrator.

- ◆ Advised, designed, planned, drafted and led policy and procedure development for Region 6 APS management and staff related to Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Washington Administrative Code (WAC), and DSHS Long Term Care manual Chapter 6.
- ◆ Developed and implemented training and investigatory tools for APS staff related to conducting APS investigations and investigation outcome determinations. Served as a key member of the panel reviewing all cases substantiated for vulnerable adult abuse.
- ◆ Advised, designed, planned, developed, and led policy and procedure development for APS administrative fair hearings, including lead counsel presenting arguments supporting the Department's position; preparing witness testimony; drafting, assembling and reviewing legal documents: subpoenas, motions, hearing exhibits, witness lists, memorandums, briefs, & DSHS Board of Appeals; intimate working knowledge of DSHS hearing rules, rules of evidence and civil procedure, and administrative appeals.
- ◆ Managed one legal secretary including supervision; recruiting, interviewing and hiring; mentoring, delegating, coaching, training; preparing and conducting performance evaluations; implementing necessary corrective action; developing work plans; and providing daily oversight guidance. Maintained accurate desk file and reported attendance timely and accurately.
- ◆ Accountable for all public disclosure requests for Region 6 and to respond to all requests within timeframes mandated by law. Reviews all requests for compliance with the RCW, WAC, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), and HIPPA. Provided training to over 100 regional staff (12 counties) on public disclosure, discovery, fair hearings, and HIPPA. Accurately maintained detailed spreadsheet and hard-copy files on every request and reported regional statistics quarterly to Aging and Disability Services Administration Public Disclosure Coordinator.
- ◆ Key member of HCS management team with significant input on development and changes to statewide policies and formation of long-range program objectives.
- ◆ Served as the DSHS Representative to the Certified Professional Guardian Board during tenure; recommended

for position by Assistant Secretary Kathy Leitch.

March 2003-May 2004      **Judicial Clerkship**  
**Honorable Elaine Houghton, Washington State Court of Appeals (Div. II)**

- ◆ Responsible for writing non-partisan, simple to complex appellate memoranda, including civil and criminal litigation. Legal issues included, but were not limited to: administrative law, health law, statutory interpretation, dissolution, paternity, family law, land use, construction, sentencing, evidence, contracts, tax, torts, employment law, civil procedure, court rules, community property, and constitutional rights.
- ◆ Proficient research skills with hard copy and computer generated materials
- ◆ Assisted in drafting judicial opinions
- ◆ Responsible for substantive and technical editing of judicial opinions

September 2002- August 2005 **Emergency Department**  
**Registered Nurse      Medical Staffing Network, Inc.**

- ◆ Functioned as a Registered Nurse in emergency departments in the Seattle/Tacoma area that were in need of experienced emergency nurses
- ◆ Performed advanced clinical nursing skills on clients from newborn through late adulthood, including triage in Level I-III emergency departments
- ◆ Collaborated with an array of health care providers to implement the level of care needed for each client
- ◆ Prioritized client care based on the needs of the client, the resources of the Emergency Department, and assigned client load
- ◆ Maintained thorough documentation on each client including an objective and subjective assessment, interventions performed, and intervention responses

**Professional License**

Attorney, State of Washington;      Registered Nurse,  
Washington (active); Texas (inactive)

**Publications**

*Why, After All This Time, is the FAA Just Now Mandating Child Restraint Systems on Aircraft?*    37 GONZ. L. REV. 533 - 561

(2002).

**Professional  
Organizations and  
Accomplishments**

Washington State Title 11.88 GAL Registries: Kitsap and King Counties: 2008-current; Pierce County : 2009-2010; 2011-current; King County Settlement Guardian ad Litem (SGAL) 2012-current; Pierce County SGAL 2017-current.

2008-present: Member to the Advisory Committee Guardianship Curriculum Development UW Educational Outreach- chair of the Guardianship of the Person committee curriculum

2008-2009: University of Washington Educational Outreach adjunct faculty member for the Certified Professional Guardian Certificate Program Guardianship of the Person and the Estate; Authored the Government Benefits manual for the U.W. Guardianship Certificate Program currently in use;

October 1, 2005-September 30, 2008: Certified Professional Guardian Board (CPGB) member; 2007: CPGB Co-chair Education committee

Guest Lecturer on Long Term Care issues, Medicaid, health care issues affecting vulnerable adults, guardianships and vulnerable adult abuse for numerous professional, health care and civic organizations to include for Washington State bar Association Elder Law Section; American Lake Veteran's Hospital Social Workers; Washington Association of Professional Guardians; King County Bar Association; Certified Professional Guardian training; King County Prosecutor's Office; Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association, King County Bar Association, Kitsap County Legal Services and Washington Healthcare Association (A+ Administrator Training (Nursing instructor) and Advanced Assisted Living Nurse Academy instructor).

Washington State Bar Association member:  
Elder Law Section Executive Committee member/CLE  
Co-Chair (October 1, 2016-current)

Tacoma Pierce County Bar Association member; Guardianship section member; chair of the 2011 and 2012 CLE;

King County Bar Association member, Elder Law/guardianship

section; Tri-chair of the KCBA Elder law section Guardian Ad Litem Training Committee (2014-2017)

Past DSHS Advisory Committee co-chair, Title 11.88  
Statewide Guardianship Guardian ad Litem Training

King County Volunteer Legal Services Neighborhood Legal Clinic, Kent

Sumner Rotary Club member

Washington Health Care Association, Associate Member

Mental Health Specialty Training certificate,  
WA Department of Social & Health Services

Developmental Disabilities Specialty Training certificate,  
WA Department of Social & Health Services

Manager Dementia Specialty Training certificate,  
WA Department of Social & Health Services

SMQT (CMS Federally Qualified) Nursing  
Home Surveyor/complaint investigator non-QIS

2008-2009 Veterans Affairs Social Work  
Director's Community Partner Award Recipient:  
American Lake

Alpha Phi International Sorority; Epsilon Rho  
Chapter University of California, Davis; Membership  
Selection Chair 1991-92

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls Majority  
Member, Grand Worthy Associate Advisor, California 1989

Order of the Eastern Star, Lifetime Member, Temple  
Chapter Sacramento, CA consolidated 2019 to New Hope