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Professional Experience

Lead Counsel in complex securities, unfair trade practice, employment, and commercial litigation matters in federal and state courts, as well as arbitrations. Consultant to National Association of Securities Dealers on arbitrator training, arbitrator recruitment, adjudicative process, and employment issues in the securities industry. Consumer Protection and Franchise disputes and matters.

Employment History

Ryan Swanson & Cleveland, PLLC, Seattle, Washington, April 2004 to Present.

Holland & Knight, LLC, Seattle, Washington (successor to Weiss Jensen)

Weiss, Jensen, Ellis & Howard, Seattle, Washington, Shareholder: 1991 to April 2004.

Litigation of securities, banking, unfair trade practice, employment, and commercial disputes. Franchise matters.

Practice Profile

Representation of groundbreaking franchise concern in franchise and business matters.

Representation of broker/dealers, registered representatives, and consumers in securities litigation and arbitration claims, including all types of consumer claims, non-compete and unfair competition claims.

Representation of Claimant in a securities arbitration resulting in a \$3 million award to Claimant.

Representation of various national and regional broker dealers in litigation and arbitration of matters involving the \$400,000,000.00 Towers Financial Corporation "Ponzi" fraud.

Representation of a multi-state mortgage company in complex multi-million-dollar lender liability litigation in federal and state courts. My client prevailed in all respects.

Local representation of a major California bank in fraud, receivership, and foreclosure matters regarding multi-million dollar real property transactions and workouts.

Local representation of an international tire and rubber company in complex real estate and employment litigation.

Essenburg & Staton, Seattle, Washington, Federal & Todd, Atlanta, Georgia. Trial Attorney. 1985-1990

Practice Profile

Employment, consumer protection, securities, commercial, real estate, franchise, and construction matters.

Education and Organizations

Seattle University School of Law (University of Puget Sound), J.D., 1985
Saint Martin's College, Olympia, Washington, B.A., 1982
Editorial Board, Bankruptcy Developments Journal
Emory University Law School, Atlanta, Georgia

Memberships/Affiliations

Member of State Bar of Georgia, Washington State Bar, King County Bar Association, American Bar Association.

Member of the litigation sections of the various bar associations.

Arbitrator for the National Association of Securities Dealers, New York Stock Exchange, Pacific Stock Exchange, National Futures Association, and American Arbitration Association.

Arbitrator instructor appointed by the securities industry, and involved in the training of hundreds of securities arbitrators throughout the United States regarding the securities arbitration process and employment disputes within the securities industry.

Keynote speaker and instructor in more than 20 CLE seminars in 15 cities throughout the United States during the past 5 years.

Pro tem Judge, King County, WA. 1997 - present

Publications

"Grab the Arbitrators' Minds and Their Hearts Will Follow," Securities Arbitration 1999, Settlements, Laptops, Experts & Arbitrators, Practising Law Institute Course Book B-1131, p. 559 (PLI 1999).

"Securities Arbitrators Training," Securities Arbitration 1998, Redefining Practices and Techniques, Practising Law Institute Course Book B-1061, p. 283 (PLI 1998).

"Inside NASDR's Training Program," Securities Arbitration 1997, Arbitration Comes of Age, Practising Law Institute Course Book B-998, p. 763 (PLI 1997).

"The Torok Tort: Recovery for Abusive Litigation," 23 Ga. St. Bar Journal 84 (1986).

"Chapter 11: Policy in Flux," 2 Bankr. Dev. Jour. 133 (1985).

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