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Certified Specialist in Appellate Law  
The State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization

**Admissions:**

Supreme Court of California (December 1997)  
United States Supreme Court  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit  
All U.S. District Courts in California

**Education:**

Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, New York  
J.D., 1997  
Graduated *summa cum laude* (ranked 4th out of 252)  
Highest first-year grade point average  
Associate Editor, *Syracuse Law Review*  
Judicial Extern, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York  
Tutored first-year law students in legal research and writing

California State University, Long Beach, California  
B.A., Political Science, 1994  
Graduated *cum laude*

**Prior Legal Experience:**

*University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, California*  
Lecturer in Law, May 2008 to June 2010 (full time position)

Taught in the Global Lawyering Skills program to first- and second-year law students. Global Lawyering Skills is an intensive two-year legal research and writing program with a focus on advocacy in the second year. Students in both years also learn aspects of international law. Duties included giving lectures, creating class exercises and assignments, grading and providing feedback on written and oral assignments, and judging students' oral arguments. Also coached several moot court teams for national and international moot court competitions. Pacific McGeorge was ranked #5 nationally in 2010 for its advocacy programs.

*Jay-Allen Eisen Law Corporation, Sacramento, California*  
Senior Associate, November 2002 to February 2008

Practice focused on civil appeals, writs, and law and motion in a wide variety of cases. Handled all aspects of civil appeals and writs in state and federal courts, including reviewing records, evaluating legal issues, preparing briefs, and presenting oral arguments. Also provided litigation support to trial attorneys by preparing and arguing pre-trial and post-trial motions.

*Downey, Brand, Seymour & Rohwer LLP, Sacramento, California*  
Environmental Law Associate, January 2001 to November 2002

Practice focused on environmental litigation and regulatory compliance. Litigated environmental cases in state and federal court. Also counseled clients on environmental due diligence in real estate transactions, assisted clients with environmental audits of their facilities, and advised clients on environmental compliance.

*Snell & Wilmer LLP, Irvine, California*  
Litigation Associate, September 1997 to January 2001

Practice focused on state and federal court litigation in a variety of civil cases, including appeals and writs, labor and employment cases, trademark infringement matters, franchise disputes, construction defect and contractor disputes, real property litigation, products liability litigation, and other general commercial litigation.

**Awards and recognition:**

Selected as one of the “Top 100 Lawyers in Northern California” and “Top 50 Women Lawyers in Northern California” in 2012 by *Northern California Super Lawyers*

Also selected as a Super Lawyer in 2011 and 2012, and a Rising Star by *Northern California Super Lawyers* in 2009 and 2010

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Awarded Order of the Coif, Syracuse University College of Law Chapter

Member of the Justinian Honor Society, Syracuse University College of Law

**Community and professional activities:**

Commissioner, California State Bar Appellate Law Advisory Commission, 2010 to 2013

Adjunct Professor, Pacific McGeorge School of Law

Member, Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce

Member, Sacramento Slavic-American Chamber of Commerce

Certified Mediator, Court of Appeal for the Third Appellate District, Mediation Program

Board member, Women Lawyers of Sacramento, 2002 to 2005, and 2009 to 2010

Officer, Sacramento County Bar Association, Appellate Law Section, 2007 to 2009, and Board Member, 2009 to 2010

**Reported decisions and publications (a partial list):**

Co-author of the monthly *Appellate Insight* column in the *Daily Recorder*

*Escobar v. Flores*, 183 Cal.App.4th 737 (2010)

*Asvesta v. Petroutsas*, 580 F.3d 1000 (9th Cir. 2009)

*In re Guardianship of Ann S.*, 45 Cal.4th 1110 (2009)

*In re Marriage of Sareen*, 153 Cal.App.4th 371 (2007)

*Jones v. Catholic Healthcare West*, 147 Cal.App.4th 300 (2007)

*Slayton v. Superior Court*, 146 Cal.App.4th 55 (2006)

*Hawkins v. Wilton*, 144 Cal.App.4th 936 (2006)

*In re Adoption of Hannah S.*, 142 Cal.App.4th 988 (2006)

*Ebbetts Pass Forest Watch v. Dep't of Forestry & Fire Protection*,  
123 Cal.App.4th 1331 (2004)

*Auburn Woods I Homeowners Ass'n v. Fair Employment & Housing Comm'n*,  
121 Cal.App.4th 1578 (2004)

*San Diego Watercrafts, Inc. v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*, 102 Cal.App.4th 308 (2002)

*Pagter v. Massanari*, 250 F.3d 1255 (9th Cir. 2001)