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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

May 1984

Kendrick Hall, School of Law

San Francisco, California, Juris Doctorate Degree

PROFESSIONAL & LEGAL

EXPERIENCE

DEAN, EMPIRE COLLEGE SCHOOL OF LAW August, 2018 to
3035 Cleveland Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 present

LAW & MEDIATION OFFICES OF August 2014
BRIAN J. PURTILL to present

C/O Arbitration and Mediation Center

111 Santa Rosa Avenue, Suite 202

Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Sole practitioner office which focuses primarily on conducting mediations and arbitrations with Arbitration & Mediation Center, Santa Rosa, CA.

SPAULDING McCULLOUGH & TANSIL LLP May 2004
90 South E Street, Suite 200 to July 31,
Santa Rosa, CA 95404 2014

Of counsel to this full service litigation and business law firm; handled litigation of all types including construction, trusts and estates, boundary disputes, personal injury, and more. Continued practice as a neutral mediator and arbitrator.

LAW OFFICES OF BRIAN J. PURTILL May 2002
3333 Mendocino Avenue, Suite 200 to May 2004
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Sole practitioner, handling civil litigation of all types, including insurance defense, plaintiff personal injury, breach of contract, construction defect and insurance coverage litigation. Also conducted mediations and arbitrations, and provided other Alternative Dispute Resolution services.

LAW OFFICES OF PURTILL & BRYAN, LLP June 1995 to
2213 Mendocino Avenue April 2002
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

One of two founding partners of this civil law practice, litigating civil disputes for both plaintiffs and defendants, including personal injury, land use, and construction cases; provided Alternative Dispute Resolution services to the courts and to private litigants.

TARKINGTON, OCONNOR & ONEILL
Santa Rosa, California Office

**Sept 1986 to
June 1995**

Worked in this insurance defense firm first as an associate, and then as Junior and Senior Partner, handling an active and varied civil litigation caseload through trial and supervising and training newer associates.

**OBRIEN, WATTERS, DAVIS,
MALISCH & PIASTA**
Santa Rosa, California

**Sept 1984 to
Aug 1986**

Associate at this general litigation and business law firm, handling discovery and law and motion practice for a variety of cases, primarily insurance defense.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE and TRAININGS

ARBITRATION & MEDIATION CENTER
Santa Rosa, California
Panel Member

**1996 to
present**

Conducting mediations and arbitrations of civil disputes of all types, including: personal injury (auto/premises liability); trusts and estates claims; real estate sales disputes; partnership dissolution; business disputes; breach of construction contract; landlord/tenant suits; homeowner association claims; boundary and other neighbor disputes.

SONOMA COUNTY FAMILY LAW COURT 2017-2018

Conducted 14 Divorce Mandatory Settlement Conferences as a volunteer panelist, covering various issues, with 100% resolution rate.

EXAMPLES OF MEDIATION TRAININGS (NOT ALL INCLUSIVE)

- 1996 Mediation Fundamentals: Gary Friedman 40 hours
- 1999 Business Mediation : Ron Kelly, UC Berkeley Extension campus 40 hours
- 2010 The Mastery of Collaborative Practice: Collaborative Practice Ctr. 16 hours
- 2011 Fundamentals of Elder Mediation: Sonoma State University 16 hours
- 2013 Impasse is a Fallacy: American Institute of Mediation 10 hours
- 2015 Divorce Mediation: Nancy Foster/Jessica Nottini 16 hours
- 2015 The End Game: Gary Friedman / Catherine Conner 7 hours

RECENT SUBSTANTIVE LAW SEMINARS

- 2014 Family Law Boot Camp, Garret C. Dailey, Esq. 2 Days
- 2014 Special Issues in Custody/Minor Representation 8 hours
- 2015 Nuts and Bolts of Family Law Business Valuation: Cynthia Craig 3 hours
- 2015 Contested Probate Hearings Evidence and Appeal 1 hour
Hon. Nancy Case Shaffer; William Andrews, Esq./Joseph Baxter, Esq.
- 2015 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Across the Lifespan 1 hour
Mental Health Liaison Comm. of Son. County Bar Assn. Family Law Section

MEMBERSHIPS/LEADERSHIP ROLES

Current:

Dean, Empire College School of Law; Member of Sonoma County Bar Association Board of Directors; Member of Honorary Board of Directors for Social Advocates for Youth.

Past:

Former Chair of the Alternative Dispute Resolution, Litigation and Young Lawyers Sections of the Sonoma County Bar Association; former professor of Civil Procedure and Professional Responsibility for Empire Law School, Santa Rosa; former Member and President of the Board of Directors for Social Advocates For Youth; former Member of the Board of Directors for Sebastopol Sea Serpents Swim Team; former Coach and Assistant Coach for Sebastopol Little League and Sebastopol Soccer teams; presenter for numerous continuing education programs for Sonoma County Bar Association, Law Week presentations to schools, and Mediation Week presentations to both legal and lay communities.