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EXPERIENCE:

Law Office of Catherine C. Clark, PLLC Seattle, WA

Owner: February 2006 to present

Practice Areas: Trial & Appellate Practice (real estate, commercial litigation; significant personal injury; interesting cases)

Williams Clark, PSC f/k/a Williams & Williams PSC Bothell, WA

Partner, January 2002 to January 2006

Attorney, December 1999 – December 2001

Practice Areas: Litigation (real estate, eminent domain/condemnation, land use, municipal law); Transactional (real estate, business entities); Appellate Practice

Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker LLP, Seattle, WA

Associate Attorney, January 1996 – September 1999

Practice Areas: Litigation (real estate, construction, land use, insurance defense and coverage analysis); Transactional (real estate, business entities); and, Appellate Practice.

Stewart Holding Company (n/k/a Pacific Northwest Title Insurance Company), Seattle, WA

Claims Counsel, June 1993 – December 1995

Practice Areas: Real Estate – Claims Counsel for title and escrow agents in Alaska, Oregon, and Washington; resolved claims made against title insurance policies including coverage issues; focused on title, escrow, corporate, commercial, debtor/creditor and insurance coverage; and supervised outside counsel.

Seligmann, Dreiling & Beckerman, Seattle, WA

Associate Attorney, August 1992 – April 1993

Practice Areas: General Litigation.

Washington Supreme Court, Olympia, WA

Law Clerk for the Honorable Robert F. Brachtenbach

August 1991 – August 1992

**PROFESSIONAL
TRAINING:**

WASHINGTON REALTORS, Olympia, WA
Instructor, Core Curriculum, June 2008 to December 2009

JOHN L. SCOTT REAL ESTATE, Bellevue, WA
Instructor, Real Estate Practices, April 2007-April 2008
Subjects: Real Estate Agency, Listing Regulations & Licensing Law, Listing Agreements & Disclosure Requirements, Purchase & Sale Agreements and Contingent Transactions.

**PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS:**

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
United States District Court for the Western District of Washington
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington
Washington State Bar Association, admitted November 1991
Washington Appellate Lawyers Association
Washington State Association for Justice

AWARDS/HONORS: **AV RATING, LEXIS-NEXIS/MARTINDALE HUBBLE, 2012 - PRESENT**

BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA
2023 to present

WASHINGTON SUPER LAWYERS,
2011-2012, 2014-2024
Practice Areas: Eminent Domain, Real Estate & Business Litigation

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION,
BEST OF CLE 2006
Topic: The Law of Adjoining Properties

PRO BONO PUBLICO SERVICE COMMENDATION 2004
Washington State Bar Association, June 2005

RISING STAR IN WASHINGTON LAW, 2001
Washington Law & Politics Magazine

WSTLA Law Student Public Service Award, 1991

CERTIFICATIONS:

Completed Mediating the Litigated Case Seminar, July 2017
Pepperdine University, Malibu, California
Description: Attended a six-day seminar focusing on mediation and negotiation skills and techniques. Received certificate of completion

Washington State Department of Licensing, Certified Instructor, Real Estate Law/Real Estate Finance/Real Estate Closing Practices/Property Management & Leasing/Legal Aspects/Ethics & Standards of Practice, No. I2051, Expired August 21, 2013

National Institute of Trial Advocacy, Graduate, June 2001

EDUCATION:

Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, WA
Juris Doctorate, 1991

Activities & Honors: Law Review, Moot Court Council

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Bachelor of Arts, History & Political Science, 1985

Activities & Honors: Academic Honors; PacWest All Conference Academic Award; Four Year Varsity Letter & Athletic Scholarship – Swimming

PUBLICATIONS:

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, Real Property Deskbook Editorial Board, 2022-2023 and Chapter Author: *Easements & Licenses and Insuring Interests in Real Property*. Anticipated publication date 2024

WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE, Auto Deskbook, 2018, Chapter Author: *What Every Practitioner Should Know to Properly Preserve the Appellate Record*

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, Real Property Deskbook Editorial Board, 2013-2014

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, Real Property Deskbook Editorial Board, 2007-2008 and Chapter Author: *Insuring Interests in Real Property*. Published 2009.

West Legal Ed. Online, www.westlegaledcenter.com, Mastering Real Estate Titles and Title Insurance in Washington, Fall 2003.

King County Bar Association, BAR BULLETIN, Volume 21, Issue 11, July 2003, *Profile of James F. Nagle*.

King County Bar Association, BAR BULLETIN, Volume 21, Issue 10, June 2003, *Valuation of Leisure Time*.

King County Bar Association, BAR BULLETIN, Volume 20, Issue 11, July 2002, *15 Practical Points for Writing a Brief*.

John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1998 CONSTRUCTION LAW UPDATE (N. Sweeney ed.), Contributing Author, *Correction or Withdrawal of a Bid: A State Law Survey*.

Catherine Cecily Clark, *Video Trial Transcripts: A Review of Washington's Current System*, 26 GONZ. L. REV. 585 (1991).

**PUBLIC ENTITY
APPEARANCES:**

Presenter, Washington Attorney General Task Force on Eminent Domain, November 2008, *Topic: City of Seattle v. Heglund: Is Condemnation for Economic Development Used in Washington as in Kelo v. City of New London, CT?*

Presenter, Washington State Legislature, December 2006, *Topic: The Importance of Notice to Private Property Owners Who May be Subject to Eminent Domain Proceedings*. Testimony resulted in adoption of RCW 8.25.290 requiring specific notice to potentially affected property owners.

**SEMINARS &
SPEAKING
ENGAGEMENTS**

Speaker, PACIFIC NORTHWEST ACADEMY OF LEGAL STUDIES IN BUSINESS (PNALSB), Annual Conference April 2023: *Diversity & Disruption. Topic: NIL Panel Discussion: What's Law Got To Do With It? Subtopic: The 1861 NIL Foundation: An Educational Approach to Name, Image and Likeness*. A joint presentation with Mr. Alex Cook and Mr. Jaxson Kirkland, recent graduates of the University of Washington and former football team members

Speaker, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON FOSTER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, *Leadership, Networking & the Value of Multi-Generational Friendships*, April 2022. A joint presentation with Mr. William Dissly, a 2018 UW Graduate and then Seattle Seahawk to then current students and student athletes at the University of Washington

Speaker, WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE, May 2020
HOW TO PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD FOR ONLINE PRESENTATIONS

Speaker, WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE, Convention 2018, *Topic: What Every Practitioner Should Know to Properly Preserve the Appellate Record*

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, Title Law: A to Z, December 2017, *Topic: Understanding Title Insurance & Ethical Considerations*

Speaker, WASHINGTON APPELLATE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, December

2016, *Appeals from the Inside Out: Behind the Scenes and the Podium at Division III*, December 2016, *Topic: Appeals Involving Real Property: Substantive Issues and Considerations For Appeals of Commercial & Residential Real Estate Law, Eminent Domain, Land Use, Deed & Liens, Easements, Quiet Title*

Speaker, WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE, *How to Survive & Thrive in the 1st Years of Practice*, March 2016, *Topic: Dealing with Obstructionist Opposing Counsel*

Guest Lecturer, GONZAGA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, *Topic: The Law of Eminent Domain in Washington State*, December 2015

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, *Legal Descriptions, Title Insurance & Surveys in Real Estate Transactions*, July 2015, *Topics: Legal Ethics & Other Issues that Arise in the Transaction*

Speaker, LAW SEMINARS INTERNATIONAL, *Public Participation Litigation*, January 2015. *Topic: Panel Member re: "So How's it Working? What Types of Cases have Developed Since the New Anti-SLAPP Statute was Passed in 2010?"*

Speaker, WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE, *Annual Legal Staff Seminar*, February 2014. *Topic: Premises Liability*

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, *Litigating Disputes over Easements and Restrictive Covenants*, December 2013. *Topics: Presenting Your Case, Case Law Update, and Real Life Ethics in Property Disputes*

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, *Free and Low Cost Legal Tech for Your Law Practice*, July 2013. *Topic: Online Presence Management & Useful Tech for your Smartphone and iPad*

Speaker, WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE, *Depositions 101*, March 2013. *Topic: Expert Depositions: Preparing, Defending and Taking*

Speaker, KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, *Monthly Lunch Meeting of Real Property, Probate & Trust Section*, March 2013. *Topic: Recent Washington State Supreme Court Cases: Real Estate & Probate*

Speaker, WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, *The Law of Adjoining Properties*, September 2012. *Topic: Principles of Boundary*

Law: A Practical Approach

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, Title Workshop: From Examination to Commitment, June 2012. *Topic: Ethical Considerations*

Speaker, WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE, Spokane's Annual Ethics Seminar & Webcast, December 2011. *Topic: The Perfect Storm: Social Media/Electronic Discovery Meets the RPC's*

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, Resolving Real Estate Title Defects, November 2011. *Topic: Ethical Considerations*

Speaker, WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, Ethics & Social Media, October 2011. *Topic: Social Media: Common Sense & Ethics*

Speaker, WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, Real Estate Mid-Year Seminar, April 2011. *Topic: Disclosure & Ethics in the World of the Economic Loss Rule.*

Speaker & Co-Chair, WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, Are You Ready for the Media? Will It Be Your Big Break? March 2011. *Topic: Are You Hiding in Plain Cite? Websites, Listservs, Public Blogging and Networking Websites & Panel Discussion on "How Do You Talk to the Press?"*

Speaker, KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, Women & Professionalism, January 2011. *Topic: A panel discussion on professionalism, stereotypes, diversity, anti-bias, reputation, integrity, collegiality and fun.*

Speaker & Co-Chair, KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, Parallel Universes: The Intersection Between Estates & Trusts and Real Property Issues, December 2010. *Topics: Real Property Statutory & Case Law Update and Creditors Claims in Probate and Trust Matters: A Black Hole for the Real Estate Practitioner*

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, Current Challenges in Local Government Law, November 2010, *Topics: Zoning & Code Enforcement Issues*

Speaker & Co-Chair, WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, Neighborhood Battles—Dealing with Warring Neighbors, October 2010. *Topic: Yes, There Are Legal Theories! & Panel Discussion on Common Fact Patterns*

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, Litigating Disputes Over Easements & Restrictive Covenants, November 2009, *Topics*: Presenting Your Case & Real Life Ethics in Property Disputes

Speaker, WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, Boundary Law Seminar, February 2009, *Topic*: Theories Relating to Boundary Disputes & Ethics

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, In-Depth Title Insurance Principles, June 2008. *Topics*: Avoiding Ethical Disputes

Speaker, WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, View Covenants, Easements, Liens & Encumbering Title, April 2008. *Topic*: Consensual & Non-Consensual Liens

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, A Step-By-Step Guide to Understanding Easements, March 2008. *Topics*: Foundational Principles of Easements

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, Real Estate Transactions Made Painless and Efficient, January, 2008. *Topics*: The Importance of Title to the Real Estate Transaction and Ethical Considerations in a Real Estate Transaction

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, Resolving Real Estate Title Defects, October 2007. *Topics*: Ethical Considerations and Access and Road Issues

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, Road and Access Law: Successfully Handling Disputes, August 2007. *Topics*: Current Case Law and Legislative Update and Ins and Outs of Private Road Creation and Use

Speaker, WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, Second Annual Solo and Small Firm Conference, July 2007. *Topic*: Critical Title Insurance Tips and Strategic Considerations.

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, A Step-By-Step Guide to Understanding Easements, February 2007. *Topics*: Foundational Principles of Easements and Effectively Resolving Easement Disputes

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, Real Estate Transactions Made Painless and Efficient, February, 2007. *Topics*: The Importance of Title to the Real Estate Transaction and Ethical Considerations in a Real Estate Transaction

Speaker, WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, BEST OF CLE 2006, December, 2006, Topic: The Law of Adjoining Properties

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, Resolving Title Issues, December 2006. *Topics*: The Concept of Marketable Title and Avoiding Ethical Issues in Real Estate

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, Eminent Domain: Legal Update, October 2006. *Topic*: Key Eminent Domain Concepts

Speaker, WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, Boundary Law Seminar, July 2006, *Topic*: Theories Relating to Boundary Disputes & Ethics

Speaker, WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, Litigation Section Midyear, June 2006, *Topic* Real Estate Mock Expert Witness Examination

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, A Step-by-Step Guide to Understanding Easements in Washington, February 2006. *Topics*: Foundational Principles of Easements and Effectively Resolving Easement Disputes

Speaker, LAW SEMINARS INTERNATIONAL, Government Takings, December 2005. *Topic*: Loss of Income & Other Damages: The Property Owner's Perspective

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, Meeting the Challenges of Washington Real Estate Title: Identifying Defects and Finding Solutions, November 2005. *Topic*: The Anatomy of a Real Estate Title & Ethics

Speaker, EAST KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, October 19, 2005, *Topic*: Practical Solutions to Boundary Disputes

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, An Advanced Look at Washington Real Estate Law, July 2005. *Topics*: Title Law and Ethical Obligations in Real Estate

Speaker, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL MORTGAGE WOMEN, Seattle Puget Sound Association LPO Seminar, March 2005. *Topics*: Title Insurance & Ethics

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, Meeting the Challenges of Washington Real Estate Titles & Title Insurance, February 2005. *Topic*: The Anatomy of a Real Estate Title

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, Washington Real Estate Title Law, October 2004. *Topics*: Commercial and Residential Title Examination & Ethics

Speaker, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL MORTGAGE WOMEN, Northwest Region Conference, October 2004. *Topics*: Title Insurance Policies, Ethics & Escrow Disputes

Speaker, INSTITUTE FOR PARALEGAL EDUCATION, The Essential Title Examination Guide for Washington Paralegals, September 2004. *Topics*: Title Problems? No Problem ... & Five Things You Need to Know About Title Insurance

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, An Advanced Look at Washington Real Estate Law, August 2004. *Topics*: Title Insurance, Ethics and Closing the Transaction

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, The Keys to Success in a Real Estate Transaction in Washington, February 2004. *Topics*: Title Insurance, Ethics and Closing the Transaction.

Speaker, HALF MOON LLC, Practical Real Estate Title Skills in Washington, December 2003, *Topic*: Constructing a Chain of Title

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, Real Estate Title Law: Problems & Solutions, November 2003. *Topics*: Title Insurance, Ethical Considerations, Access & Road Issues.

Speaker, GONZAGA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Boundary Disputes, Ethics & Practical Solutions, October 2003. *Topics*: Theories of Boundary Disputes, Ethics & Practical Solutions

Speaker, COLDWELL BANKER BAIN, Mercer Island Washington, September 2003, *Topic*: A Practical Approach to Boundary Disputes – What Does a Realtor Do?

Speaker, WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, The Law of Adjoining Properties: Handling Matters Relating to Neighboring Lands, May, 2003. *Topic*: Principles of Boundary Law.

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, Mastering Real Estate Titles and Title Insurance in Washington, May 2003. *Topics*: Ethical Considerations and Title Insurance Claims and Litigation.

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, The Keys to Success in a Real Estate Transaction in Washington, January 2003. *Topics*: Title

Insurance and Closing the Transaction.

Speaker, KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION 2002 REAL ESTATE INSTITUTE, Title to Real Estate: Problems & Solutions, December 2002. *Topic*: Title Insurance.

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, Real Estate Title Law: Problems & Solutions, August 2002. *Topic*: Title Insurance.

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, The Keys to Success in a Real Estate Transaction in Washington, December 2001. *Topics*: Title Insurance and Closing the Transaction.

Speaker, LORMAN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, Real Property Security Instruments in Washington, December 2001. *Topic*: Liens Against Real Property.

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, The Paralegal's Role in the Real Estate Transaction in Washington, December 2000. *Topic*: Title Insurance.

Speaker, KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION 1999 REAL ESTATE INSTITUTE, December 1999. *Topic*: Acquisition of Private Property for Public Projects.

Speaker, NATIONAL BUSINESS INSTITUTE, The Paralegal's Role in the Real Estate Transaction in Washington, June 1999

Speaker, WASHINGTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND, Purchase & Sale Seminar for Non-Profit Developers, May 1999. *Topic*: Negotiation Strategies.

Speaker, KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, Real Estate for the Non Real-Estate Practitioner, March 1999.

Co-Chair, WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, Essentials of Real Estate, November 1993 and February 1995

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

1861 NIL Foundation, Executive Director & Founding Member
October 2022 to May 2023

Gonzaga University School of Law, Board of Advisors
September 2009 to Present

Gonzaga University School of Law, Board of Advisers to Center for Civil and Human Rights, January 2019 to Present

Husky Swimming Foundation, Board Member, January 2010 to September 2013, President, Spring 2009 to December 2009

King County Superior Court, Arbitrator, 1999 to 2019

King County Bar Association, FLI Program, 2011, 2013, 2014

King County Bar Association, Judicial Appreciation Dinner Committee, 1994 to 1995; YLD Programs Committee, 1993 to 1995

National Football League Youth Impact Program, Sponsor, February 2010 to 2018

University of Washington “Mighty are the Women” Alumni Steering Committee, June 2022 – June 2023, (celebrating 50 years of Title IX)

University of Washington Big “W” Club, Steward, December 2007 to October 2010, Steward of Student Athlete Relations, December 2007 to Fall 2009; Secretary, June 2005 to November 2007, Board Member, June 2002 to October 2010, Co-Creator of then Student Athlete Mentoring Program

University of Washington Athletic Department Hall of Fame Selection Committee, 2004

University of Washington Pre-Title IX Dinner Committee, January 2006 to April 2007

University of Washington Alumni Advisory Committee for Head Swimming Coach Search, August – September 2006

University of Washington Tyee Board of Advisors Athlete Alumni Advancement SubCommittee, June 2007 to December 2008

University of Washington Swimming Alumni Board Member, September 1998 to Spring 2009

University of Washington Women’s Center, Board Member & Human Trafficking Task Force, July 2009 to September 2011

**PERSONAL
INTERESTS:**

Snow skiing, road cycling, general fitness travel, theater, movies/film, art, gardening