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EDUCATION

Legal J.D. **Washington University School of Law** May 1988
St. Louis, Missouri

Honors and Activities:

Class rank: top 5 percent (#9 out of 188 graduates)

Order of the Coif

Order of the Barristers

Honor Scholar Award 1986-1987

Am Jur Award Commercial Paper Fall 1986

Am Jur Award Legal Professions Spring 1987

Associate Editor: Law Review

Journal of Urban and Contemporary Law

Regional Moot Court Champion Fall 1987

National Moot Court Participant Spring 1988

Carnahan Scholarship 1987-1988

David Baron Scholarship 1986-1987

Dean's Scholarship 1985-1986

National Institute for Trial Advocacy July 1990

College B.A. **Tulane University** May 1982
New Orleans, Louisiana
Major: English

Honors and Activities:

cum laude graduate

English Honor Society

Freshman Honor Society

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/LICENSES

Certified Elder Law Attorney
by the National Elder Law Foundation Fall 2006

Veteran's Administration Accredited Attorney June, 2008

Life Care Planning Law Firms Association
Vice President Sept 2008

Life Care Planning Law Firms Association
Board Member May, 2006

SunHealth Behavioral Health Systems,

Board Member	March 2006
Boise Estate Planning Council	Fall 2004
Treasure Valley Estate Planning Counsel	Fall 2005
Ada County Board of Community Guardians	Spring 2004
A Better Way Coalition	Spring 2004
Board Member	Summer 2006
Idaho End of Life Coalition (merger of A Better Way Coalition and the Idaho State Hospice and Palliative Care Organization)	
Board Member	Winter 2008
Greater Idaho Alzheimer's Association,	
Board Member	Fall 2003 - Summer, 2005
National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys	Fall 2002
American Inn of Court No. 130	Fall 1998
State Bar of Montana	Spring 1996
Idaho State Bar	Spring 1993
State Bar of California	Fall 1988
9 th Circuit Court of Appeals	Fall 1988
Veteran's Claims Court	

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

November 1992-present *Sisson & Sisson, The Elder Law Firm, PLLC*
Boise, Idaho

Sisson & Sisson emphasizes a holistic legal practice which anticipates and provides legal and care advocacy services to the firm's clients as their circumstances and health care needs change. The firm is committed to helping clients and their families navigate the long-term and health care system and advocate for good care during their loved one's journey through the elder care continuum utilizing an inter-disciplinary approach to chronic care.

PUBLICATIONS

Elder Law Today: Monthly newsletter addressing legal issues of importance to seniors and professionals serving seniors.

The Consumer's Guide to Long-Term Care Planning, updated annually

Paying For Long-Term Care Expenses: The Power of Medicaid Planning
Hard Times, Legal Aid Services Quarterly, October, 2003, Vol. 11, No. 2, Elder Law Issue

First Legal Steps to Consider When Faced with Alzheimer's Disease or Dementia
October, 2003 Greater Idaho Alzheimer's Association Newsletter

Grandparent Guardianships, January, 2004 *Fifty-Plus Living*

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Idaho Senior News/Senior Voice Regular Monthly Newspaper Column on issues of interest to seniors and their families (Jan. 2004 - present)

The Medicaid Program And Your Long-Term Care Expenses, Vol. 5, Congressman Mike Simpson Senior Newsletter (2004).

Asset and Income Protection When One Spouse Enters Long-term Care, Idaho State Bar Family Law Handbook, August, 2007 (updated annually)

Life Care Planning, The Comprehensive Elder Law Approach to Planning for the Chronic Care Needs of Seniors 44 Idaho Law Review Article 481 (2008) for the 2008 Symposium Edition: Law and Healthcare: Bridging The Divisions; Also published in a revised version for *The Advocate* (The Idaho State Bar Magazine), May, 2008

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Alzheimer's Association, Stand By You, AARP, the Governor's Conference on Aging, Idaho Roundtable (financial professionals), The Idaho Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, The Idaho Health Care Association (annual Summer and Winter conferences), A Better Way Coalition, Boise Estate Planning Council, Treasure Valley Estate Planning Council, University of Idaho's Cooperative Extension System, University of Idaho Law School, Idaho Legal Aid Services Annual Workshops, The Idaho Young President's Organization, Annual Idaho State Tax Institute, Idaho Medical Directors Association, St. Luke's Women's Forum, University of Idaho College of Law's 2008 Symposium on Law & Healthcare, numerous Continuing Legal Education programs, and presentations to numerous support groups, church groups, retirement/independent living centers, assisted living facilities, and skilled nursing facilities, and hospitals.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS

(Educational manuals prepared and published with each of the CLEs noted below):

National Business Institute: Elder Law Essentials in Idaho: From Estate Planning to Estate Recovery (December, 2004)

PESI: Idaho Trusts and Estates (May, 2006)

Idaho State Bar Section on Taxation, Trust and Probate: Advance Estate Planning (September 2006)

CPA Society of SW Idaho: An Elder Law Perspective On Counseling Senior Clients In Light of Recent Medicaid Changes (October 2006)

Lorman Education Services: Medicaid and Elder Planning in Light of DRA 2005 (December, 2006)

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49th Annual Idaho State Tax Institute: How Professionals Can Help Their Senior Clients
Comprehensively Plan for Chronic Care Needs (November, 2007)

Idaho Law Foundation: Mental Health and The Law (November 2007)

National Business Institute: Estate, Financial and Health Care Planning for Elder Clients
(December 2007)

National Business Institute: Estate Planning and Recovery for Elderly Clients
(May 2008)

Life Care Planning for the Elderly Client: Fundamentals and Practice (March, 2009)

National Business Institute: Planning for Retirement and Long-Term Care (May, 2009)

REFERENCES Available upon request.