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EDUCATION

Seattle University School of Law **Seattle, WA** **May 2007**

Juris Doctorate

- Current GPA 3.27.
- Awarded Year End Achievement Scholarship 2006.
- Awarded Summer Grant for Nicaraguan Law Observation and Study 2006.
- Competed Internationally in the 2004 Regional ABA Negotiation Competition.
- Competed in the Fredric Tausend Appellate Competition in 2006.
- Law Lab Experience: Intellectual Property Audit, Trademark Administration, Patent Litigation, and Evidence.
- LexisNexis & Westlaw Certified.

Brigham Young University **Provo, UT** **December 2003**

Bachelor of Arts

- Major – History GPA 3.69.
- Edited and cite checked *The Case of the Ugly Suitor*, a historical book dealing with the issues of love and gender in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Dickson Steinacker LLP **Tacoma, WA** **September-October 2006**

Legal Intern

- Commercial Litigation, Real Estate, Construction, and Business legal work.
- Drafted complaints, motions, orders, petitions, and other legal documents.
- Presented motions and orders before the Court Commissioner or Judge.

Blado, Stratton & Kiger, P.S. **Tacoma, WA** **February-September 2006**

Legal Intern

- Real Estate, Probate, Business, Administrative Law, Trade Secret and Corporation legal work.
- Similar responsibilities and duties as above but slightly different areas of law.

Bufete Jurídico de la UCA **Managua, Nicaragua** **Summer 2006**

Legal Intern

- Observed the civil, criminal, and penal legal infrastructure in Managua, Nicaragua.
- Assisted in dispute resolution in police stations and in the Center of Mediation.
- Participated in discussions, forums, and lectures on the Nicaraguan legal system.
- Drafted various legal documents in Spanish.
- Presented the American legal system to Nicaraguan legal students and instructors.

INTERESTS/SKILLS/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Interests include: tinkering with computers, playing chess, playing the piano and the guitar, reading biographies and historical novels, snowboarding, and playing team sports.
- Bilingual: Spanish/English.
- Achieved the *Eagle Scout Award*.
- Performed and acted in theater productions such as *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Music Man*.
- Trained and led volunteers in both English and Spanish in accomplishing regional goals in New Jersey and organized and assessed the numbers of each week.