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EXPERIENCE

Partner, Ferguson Durham, PLLC, Boise, Idaho 2012-Present
Advocating in a wide array of civil rights impact litigation as highlighted in the attached synopsis of recent civil rights cases, including serving as lead counsel in a successful constitutional challenge to Idaho's same sex marriage ban in the Idaho District Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Serving as a private mediator in hundreds of litigated disputes and as Special Master for federal and state courts.

Assistant United States Attorney, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Idaho, Civil Division, Boise, Idaho 1995-2012
Served as lead trial counsel in over 200 federal civil cases, including landmark environmental challenges, complex torts and constitutional litigation, as well as numerous appeals before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Selected to serve on the Department of Justice's Evaluation and Review Team, to evaluate the performance of various United States Attorney's Offices throughout the nation.

Assistant United States Attorney, United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois, Civil Division, Chicago, Illinois 1991-1994
Served as lead trial counsel in federal civil litigation, including medical malpractice, employment discrimination, asset forfeitures, and appeals before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Associate, Katten Muchin & Zavis, Litigation Department, Chicago, Illinois 1987-1991
Litigated civil commercial cases in federal and state court.

BAR ADMISSIONS AND EDUCATION

United States Supreme Court
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth and Seventh Circuits
United States District Courts for the District of Idaho and Illinois
Idaho State Bar
Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Juris Doctor, Law Review 1986
U.S. Department of Justice National Advocacy Center 1995- 2011
Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University School of Law 2012

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

Idaho State Bar President	2011
Idaho State Bar, Academy of Leadership for Lawyers, Founder and Steering Chair	2011- 2015
Idaho State Bar Commissioner	2008- 2011
American Bar Association, Idaho State Delegate and State Bar Delegate	2013- 2021
American Bar Foundation, Life Fellow, State Chair	2010- 2022
Federal Bar Association, Idaho Chapter, Member	2006- 2021
American Inns of Court, Inn No. 130, Bencher	2005- 2022
Idaho Women Lawyers, Board of Directors	2000- 2012
Idaho Supreme Court Judicial Recruitment Committee	2010
Idaho State Bar Trial Skills Academy, Instructor	2017, 2019
Advocates For the West, Board of Directors, Chair	2017- 2022

AWARDS AND HONORS

Recognized in the Trailblazing Women of Idaho Exhibit, Idaho State Museum	2022
Professionalism Award, Idaho State Bar	2018
Outstanding Service Award, Idaho State Bar	2016
Idaho Community Catalyst Award, Fund for Idaho	2015
Kate Feltham Award, Idaho Women Lawyers' highest recognition	2015
Tribute to Women Award, Women's & Children's Alliance	2015
ACLU of Idaho's Dave Judy Civil Rights Service Award	2015
Exemplary Lawyer Service Award, Idaho Federal Bar Association	2013

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

<i>The Marriage Decision, Latta v. Otter</i> , Idaho State Museum	2021
<i>The Fourteenth Amendment and Transgender Issues</i> , Idaho District Bar Conference	2018
<i>Litigation Against the Government</i> , Idaho State Bar	2016
<i>Women under Title VII and the Civil Rights Act of 1964</i> , Idaho State Bar	2015
Idaho Women Lawyers Gala, Keynote Speaker	2015
<i>Science in Litigation: Working with Experts</i> , Idaho State Bar	2015
<i>Same Sex Marriage and the Constitution</i> , University of Idaho College of Law	2014
<i>Marriage and the Fourteenth Amendment</i> , Federal Bar Tri-State Conference	2014
<i>Participating in a Mediation- A Guide for Attorneys</i> , The Advocate	2013
<i>Preparing Your Client for Mediation</i> , The Advocate	2012
The University of Idaho College of Law, Professionalism Speaker Series	2012
Idaho State Bar, Investiture of New Attorneys, Guest Speaker	2011
Monthly State Bar President's Column, The Advocate	2011
<i>Last Place is No Place to Be – Women in the Idaho Judiciary</i> , The Advocate	2011
<i>The Long and Winding Road- Restoration of Sherlock Creek</i> , The Advocate	2008