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Profile

I am a polymath with extensive experience in the legal, policy, academic, higher education, and meditation fields. I also have passions for coding, mathematics, creative writing, and electronic music composition. I have recently finished a PhD in law and am seeking move away from traditional legal employment.

Objective

I am looking for innovative work that engages my law and finance background, research and writing skills, creative talents, or interests in coding and mathematics. My ideal environment is collaborative and unconventional, involves working autonomously on large projects, and provides ample time for focus and reflection.

Education

Law

PhD, University of British Columbia, School of Law, Vancouver BC

September 2015 – May 2023

Dissertation on Canadian mortgage finance and securitization

Awards: UBC Four-Year Fellowship, SSHRC PhD Award, Law Society Fellowship

LLM, University of British Columbia, School of Law, Vancouver BC

September 2013 – August 2015

Thesis on philosophy of property and condominium law

Awards: Law Society Fellowship

JD, Columbia Law School, New York, NY

August 1994 – May 1997

Awards: Kent Scholar (highest ranked honours obtained by 1-2% of students), Forsyth Prize in Environmental Law

Vermont Law School, South Royalton, VT

May 1995 – August 1995

Partial completion of Masters in Environmental Law and Policy

Links

To learn more about me, I invite you to explore my:

[Personal website / Online resume](#)

Please also visit me on:

[LinkedIn](#)

[GitHub](#)

[SoundCloud](#)

Skills

I have a wide and varied skill set that includes:

- Writing (Professional, Academic & Creative)
- Professional Communications
- Advocacy & Conflict Resolution
- Research (Scholarly & Professional)
- Legal Drafting & Analysis
- Policy Drafting & Analysis
- Mathematical Analysis & Coding
- Teaching (Adults/Post-Secondary)
- Mindfulness & Emotional Literacy
- Digital Music Recording, Composition, & Sound Design



Undergraduate

BA (Hon), Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC

September 1990 – August 1994

Honours undergraduate degree in Mathematics and Philosophy

Awards: Chancellor's Entrance Scholarship, Honour Roll Tuition Scholarships

Coding/Computer Science

Udemy Online

May 2020 – present

Completed courses on Python, HTML/CSS/JavaScript, and Git/GitHub

Currently completing courses in Java, C++, and Ruby on Rails

MIT Open Learning Library

March 2023 – present

Currently completing 6.042J Mathematics for Computer Science and 6.006 Introduction to Algorithms

Employment History

Faculty, Capilano University, Department of Legal Studies, North Vancouver BC

2009-2015

Designed and taught post-secondary courses in legal studies using law school materials

Solicitor, Deloitte/Heddemma & Partners LLP, Vancouver BC

2008-2009

Engaged in international and domestic corporate and personal tax planning, corporate and tax law consultation, and legal representation

LawLINE Lawyer, Legal Services Society of BC, Vancouver

2006-2008

Gave legal advice over the phone and provided other summary legal services to individual legal aid clients

Litigation Counsel, Department of Justice Canada, Vancouver Regional Office

Tax, Collections & Customs, Indigenous Rights & Title

2000-2005

Represented the Federal Crown in the BC Court of Appeal, BC Supreme Court, BC Provincial Court, Bankruptcy Court, Federal Court, and Tax Court

Law Clerk, BC Court of Appeal, Vancouver

1998-1999

Wrote memoranda of law, edited judgments, and assisted judges in preparing for hearings



Policy Analyst, WorkSafe BC, Richmond

1997-1998, 1999-2000

Wrote memoranda, prepared discussion papers, and coordinated stakeholder consultation of workers' compensation, insurance assessment, and occupational health and safety law and policy

Publications

No one has a good handle on the risk of mortgage-backed securities

Vancouver Sun, 4 June 2019

The philosopher and the developer: pluralist moral theory and the law of condominium

Osgoode Hall Law Journal, 1 June 2017

Book Review: Property and Sovereignty: Legal and Cultural Perspectives, by James Charles Smith (ed)

Osgood Hall Law Journal 1 December 2015

Volunteer Experience

Board Member/Secretary, BC Insight Meditation Society

2017-2023

Assisted in policy development and executive-level decision-making for non-profit society that offers meditation retreats and programs to the public

Meditation Teacher/Facilitator, BC Insight Meditation Society

2016-present

Facilitate meditation groups, offer meditation workshops, and teach evening meditation courses on a by-donation basis

Board & Committee Member, Graduate Law Student Society, University of British Columbia

2015-2017

Planned academic conferences and events and served as liaison between graduate students and faculty

Board Member/Secretary, Capilano Faculty Association

2014-2015

Served on joint union-management steering committees and helped oversee collective bargaining and labour actions