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LAWYER / EDUCATOR / MEDITATOR

- 16 years experience with meditation and being active in sangha
- 11 years experience in legal practice & policy-making
- 6 years experience teaching post-secondary full-time
- 4 years experience regularly leading and teaching dharma groups
- Currently developing skills in coding and web design

EDUCATION

Academic

Ph.D., University of British Columbia	2015-2023
• Dissertation on Housing Finance	
L.L.M., University of British Columbia	2013-2015
• Thesis on Condominium Law	
J.D., Columbia University School of Law, New York, NY	1994-1997
• Kent Scholar (highest honours at Columbia Law School)	
University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law, Vancouver, BC	1997
• Visiting semester credited towards Columbia University J.D. degree	
Vermont Law School, South Royalton, VT	1995
• Graduate course work in environmental law, science and policy	
B.A. (Hon.), Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC	1990-1994
• Honours major in Philosophy, extended minor in Mathematics	

Dharma/Meditation

Mindfulness Meditation Teacher Certification Program	2021-2023
• 2-year part-time online training program created by Jack Kornfield and Tara Brach	
Dedicated Dharma Practitioner's Program	2014-2016
• Two year part-time dharma education program run through Spirit Rock Retreat Centre	

Coding

The C++ Masterclass: From Fundamentals to Advanced	2022-present
The Complete Git Guide	2021-2022
Learn Python Complete Masterclass	2021-2022
Complete JavaScript 2021, Udemy.com	2020-2021

EXPERIENCE

Dharma/Meditation

Teacher/Facilitator

BCIMS

2016-present

- Teach evening courses on dharma subjects (2020-present)
- Run weekly meditation groups, including the Gen X / Millennial group, UBC meditation club groups, and occasional Tuesday night sits (2016-present)

Volunteer/Board Member

2013-present

- Board member (2017-present)
- Occasional volunteer for weekend and other programs (2013-present)

Education

Graduate Student

University of British Columbia

2013-2023

- Conference presentations & thesis writing
- 2 years as board member of the Graduate Law Student's Society
- Obtained 3 sources of competitive graduate funding (SSHRC, BC Law Foundation Fellowship, UBC Four Year Fellowship)

Instructor

Capilano University, Department of Legal Studies

2009-2015

- Taught many subject areas in the Legal Studies program, including Legal Analysis, Aboriginal Law, Intellectual Property, and Contracts
- Assisted in the development of several interdisciplinary legal electives, including Philosophy of Law, Modern Themes in Canadian Law, and Conflict Resolution

Adjunct Professor

University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law

2008

- Taught Insolvency Law to second and third year law students

Law Practice

Corporate and Tax Solicitor

Kellough & Partners LLP/Deloitte

2008-2009

- Engaged in corporate tax planning and specialized corporate/commercial work as an associate at a boutique tax law firm

LawLINE Lawyer

Legal Services Society of BC

2006-2008

- Gave legal advice over the phone and provided other summary legal services to individual clients on family law, poverty law, criminal law, creditor-debtor law, aboriginal law, and other areas as required

Counsel

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CANADA, VANCOUVER REGIONAL OFFICE

Collections Group, Tax Law Services

2001-2003, 2005

- Represented the Crown in Federal Court, the Supreme Court of BC, and the BC Court of Appeal on customs matters and for collection of outstanding tax debts
- Gave seminars on collections law to employees of CRA

Aboriginal Litigation Services

2004-2005

- Worked as part of a team in complex aboriginal rights and title litigation
- Handled smaller litigation files regarding band governance and use of reserve property

Informal Procedure Group, Tax Law Services

2001

- Represented the Crown in the Tax Court of Canada for appeals of tax assessments

Articled Student

2000-2001

- Rotations through the aboriginal, tax, and criminal sections

Law Clerk

BC Court of Appeal, Vancouver, BC

1998-1999

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

Analyst/Researcher

Policy Analyst, Workers' Compensation Board, Richmond, BC

1999-2000

- Conducted reviews of occupational health and safety policies

Legal Researcher, Sierra Legal Defense Fund, Vancouver, BC

1997-1998

- Conducted legal research for public interest environmental group

Policy/Legal Researcher, Workers' Compensation Board, Richmond, BC

1997-1998

- Wrote memoranda and prepared discussion papers on compensation, assessment, and occupational health and safety law and policy

Legal Intern, Sierra Club, San Francisco, CA

1996

- Assisted in coordinating the national legal campaign of environmental group

Legal Researcher, National Resources Defense Council, New York, NY

1995-1997

- Wrote legal memoranda and assisted in drafting academic papers for publication

MEDITATION RETREATS

Only includes residential retreats of 1 month or longer.

Insight Meditation Society

- 6-week retreat

2019

- 3-month retreat 2017
- 1-month Forest Refuge 2015

Shambhala International

- 1-month Shambhala Dathun 2005