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Education

- UCLA Law School, J.D., 1987; Member, UCLA Law Review.
- Brigham Young University, B.S., Business, *magna cum laude*, 1983.

Professional Experience

- Judge, Multnomah County Circuit Court, 2005 to present, with over 200 civil and criminal trials.
- Presiding over Multnomah County Circuit Court medical malpractice docket, 2007 to present.
- Judge pro tem, Multnomah County Circuit Court, 2004 to 2005, motions for summary judgment.
- Trial lawyer, Miller Nash law firm, 1987 to 2005, partner specializing in complex commercial cases, including environmental, insurance, securities, antitrust, franchise, and other disputes.

Professional Associations and Recognition

- Member, Council on Court Procedures, 2006 to present.
- Member, Multnomah Bar Association Professionalism Committee, 2007 to 2009.
- Member, Oregon State Bar Quality of Life Committee, 2004 to 2006.
- Best Lawyers in America, Business Litigation, 2005-2006.
- Oregon Leading Individuals, Litigation: General Commercial, Chambers USA, 2005.

Civic Activities

- Adult volunteer leader for youth groups, numerous, 1987 to present.
- Leader and volunteer, church organizations, numerous, 1982 to present.
- Speaker to business, government and legal organizations, numerous, 1990 to present.
- Pro Bono legal services, 1987 to 2004.
- US District Court Indigent Representation Panel, early 1990s.
- Youth athletic coach, various times, 1990s.

Admissions

- State: Oregon State Bar, 1987; Washington State Bar, 1988.
- Federal: Oregon, 1987; Ninth Circuit, 1989; Western WA, 1989; Eastern WA, 1991.

Interests and life experience

- Running, biking, hiking, reading, eating out, and traveling with spouse and three children.
- Hood to Coast Relay, team captain and member, 1988 to 2006.
- Missionary, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1980 to 1982.
- Born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona; Spanish speaker, once fluent, now rusty.

Judge Hodson's Complex Civil Litigation Experience

Private practice

- Trial lawyer at Miller Nash for 18 years, specializing in complex commercial litigation.
- Areas of emphasis included:
 - Environmental – practice group leader, handling Superfund cost recovery litigation, Clean Water Act citizen suits, toxic torts, enforcement litigation and other claims.
 - Insurance - practice group leader, handling coverage litigation, including duty to defend, environmental, products liability, business torts, sex abuse, and other claims.
 - Securities – claims regarding unsuitability, churning, unauthorized trading, and fraud under common law, and federal and state securities and racketeering laws.
 - Franchise – claims arising from franchise relationships under common law, antitrust laws, and federal franchise laws.
- Representative cases included:
 - Several month bench trial before Judge Keys regarding insurance coverage for WWII ship scrapping operations. See ZRZ Realty v. Beneficial Fire, 349 Or 117 (2010).
 - Franchise litigation requiring two, month-long jury trials (second on remand), as described in Barman v. Union Oil Co., et al., 2002 WL 31133363 (9th Cir 2002).
 - Coverage litigation in the Archdiocese of Portland bankruptcy, as set forth in In re: Roman Catholic Archbishop of Portland in Oregon, 2005 WL 196477 (D Or 2005).

Judicial experience

- Decided motions for summary judgment for a year as a judge pro tem from 2004 to 2005.
- Presided over more than 200 civil and criminal trials as a judge from 2005 to present.
- Presided over the medical malpractice docket in Multnomah County from 2007 to present.
- Member, Multnomah County Civil Motion Panel, handling civil motions from 2005 to present.
- Handled approximately twenty-five specially assigned complex civil cases from 2005 to present.
- Representative cases include:
 - Worthington v Merle West Medical Center, Case No. 051112433; A138257. Medical malpractice case involving death of infant; tried to a jury over a three week period.
 - Synectic Ventures LLC I v Berkman, et al, Case No. 051213245; A140777. Investment fraud dispute with many parties requiring six week jury trial.
 - Luethe v Multnomah County, Case No. 0609-09466; A138836. Handled all Measure 37 cases since 2007, including this one, tried to the court in November 2007.
 - McClellan v. Patel, Case No. 0602-01966. Medical malpractice case arising from death of infant, against doctor criminally charged in Australia. Resolved May 2009.
 - Reimann v. Wyndham, Case No. 0902-02219. Case involving multiple parties arising from airplane crashing into vacation rental in Gearhart. Settlement is pending.
 - Espinoza v. Evergreen, Case No. 0909-12350, and others. Eight consolidated wrongful death cases arising from a helicopter crash in Peru. Dismissed on pretrial motions.
 - Wasco County cases: handled two commercial civil cases, one requiring a jury trial in Wasco County; the other involving a partition that has been pending for 13 years.
- Member, Council on Court Procedures, 2006 to present. Most recently worked on committee addressing electronic discovery.