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Professional Experience

David S. Kerruish, P.S., Seattle, Washington

A sole practitioner of law, emphasizing real estate and business law

Owner, David S. Kerruish, P.S., June, 1997 – present; Responsible for supervision of client matters, as an advisor, litigator, mediator and arbitrator, in real estate, business, commercial, corporate, partnership and bankruptcy law.

Ordal, Kerruish & Kaseburg, PLLC, Seattle, Washington

A small law firm emphasizing real estate and business law.

Attorney and later, shareholder, May, 1986 – June, 1997; Responsible for supervision of client matters, both as an advisor and litigator, in real estate, business, commercial, corporate, partnership and bankruptcy law. The types of work performed are described above, related to my sole practice.

Trethewey, Brink, Todd & Clayton, Seattle, Washington

A small law firm with a general litigation practice.

Associate Attorney, August, 1980 – May, 1986; handled client matters as assigned, with minimal supervision, in all areas of the law but emphasizing real estate, business and bankruptcy law.

Education

University of Oregon School of Law, Eugene, Oregon

Degree awarded, J.D., 1980. Class rank, 37 of 170.

Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon

Degree awarded, B.S., 1977, in Speech Communications (Broadcasting). Graduated with honors. Minors in Journalism and Business.

Professional Activities

Member, Washington State Bar Association
Secretary, King County Bar Association, 1999-2000
Member, Real Property, Probate and Trust Section, WSBA
Continuing Legal Education Seminar Chairman & Lecturer
Chairman, Continuing Legal Education Committee, KCBA, 1991 - 1992
Chairman, Judiciary and Courts Committee, KCBA, 1992 – 1993
Board Member, King County Bar Association Real Property & Probate Section, 2006
Recipient, King County Bar Association President's Special Recognition Award, 1991

Publications and Legal Education Courses

Boundary Issues and Easement Law for National Business Institute, 2017.

Condominium and Neighborhood Association Issues – Enforcing Covenants, King County Bar Association, 2000

Disputes Between Buyers and Sellers of Residential Real Estate – Review of Applicable Law and Strategies for Resolution, Washington State Bar Association, 2005

Drafting Covenants for Condominiums and Planned Communities (Effective Document Preparation and Formation Process), for National Business Institute and The Seminar Group, 2009-19

Enforcing and Defending Deed of Trust and Mortgage Foreclosures and Real Estate Contract Forfeitures, (with Robert E. Ordal) King County Bar Association, 1999

The Lawyer as Foreclosure Trustee - Identifying and Avoiding Conflicts of Interest (Ethical Considerations for Attorneys Serving as Non-Judicial Foreclosure Trustees), for Washington State Bar Association, King County Bar Association, Lorman 2001-2009

Lease Agreements, Subleases and Assignments for King County Bar Association, 2006

Neighborhood Wars – Ownership and Boundary Disputes, (with Rod Harmon and Mark Phelps) 1999

Real Estate Issues Arising in Family Law Cases, King County Bar Association, 1999

Seller Disclosure Requirements: Obligations, Forms, Litigation, for Washington State Bar Association, 2005

The Transaction Process and the Rights of the Parties Involved, for National Business Institute, 2008

Trial Preparation and Litigation of the Road and Access Case, for National Business Institute, 2007, 2008

Buying Time With Injunctions and Stays, Enforcing Restrictions Upon the Use of Land, Home Inspector's Liability, Lease Litigation, Litigating Purchase and Sale Agreement Disputes, Recent Cases and Legislation in Real Estate, Selected New Developments in Real Estate Law, Steps in the Purchase and Sale of Property, all for King County Bar Association, between 1986-1997

Identification of other publications and legal education presentations upon request.

Other Professional Recognition

“SuperLawyer” in real estate law, 2000-2006, 2010 - 2020.

Seattle Magazine - Seattle’s Top Lawyers, 2001-2007, in real estate law

Seattle Business Monthly – Seattle’s Top Business Lawyers, 2007, in real estate law

Seattle Metropolitan Magazine - Seattle’s Top Lawyers, July, 2010, in real estate law

Martindale-Hubell, rated “AV Preeminent” beginning in 2010, to present

Expert Testimony

Young v. Schuck, King County Superior Court #10-2-27701-3 SEA, offered an opinion for defendant concerning use of different legal descriptions, issues of partnership law and the standard of care.

Wedgwood at Renton v. Wescott Holdings, Inc., King County Superior Court #09-2-10916-8 KNT, offered an opinion for defendant/third-party plaintiff concerning industry practice when selling residential lots for future construction.

Qui v. Wei, Pierce County Superior Court #09-2-12852-4, testified for defendant attorney concerning the standard of care in a real property litigation matter.

Wilcoxon v. Wilcoxon and 2005 Alpine LLC, United States Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Washington, Adversary Proceeding #09-01469-TTG, offered an opinion for debtor/plaintiff concerning the duty to inquire when seeking to purchase property as a bona fide purchaser for value.

Herzog v. Foster Pepper, et. al., King County Superior Court #08-2-37813-6, offered an opinion for plaintiff concerning the standard of care of an attorney practicing real estate law concerning the potential for conflicts of interest developing in the context of representing a buyer in a failed purchase transaction when the attorney also represented the listing broker in most other matters.