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- Experience:** *Civil Litigator with 38 years of experience in commercial, insurance, environmental, product liability, personal injury and medical malpractice litigation, representing both plaintiffs and defendants, as lead trial attorney, in proceedings in at least 14 different states. Licensed in California and Washington.*
- Education:** **University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA)**
Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, Political Science 1970
- University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, California**
Juris Doctor Degree, summa cum laude 1973
Valedictorian of the Class of 1973. First in class each of three years in law school. Editor, Pacific Law Journal.
- Employment:** **Washington State Court of Appeals, Division II** Tacoma, Washington
Law Clerk 1973 to 1974
Law Clerk to the Hon. Ralph J. Armstrong.
- Washington State Court of Appeals, Division II** Tacoma, Washington
Court Commissioner 1974 to 1975
Served as first appointed Appellate Court Commissioner in the State. Handled Writs of Habeas Corpus. Ruled on Pre-Hearing Motions. Reviewed cases for Certiorari. Supervised staff of 4-6 law clerks.
- University of Puget Sound School of Law** Tacoma, Washington
Adjunct Professor of Law 1973 to 1976
Taught a class entitled "The Judicial and Legislative Process." Also taught Legal Research and Writing. Supervised and Judged Moot Court Activities.
- Davies Pearson, P.C.** Tacoma, Washington
Trial Attorney 1975 to 1992
Lead trial attorney including multi-million dollar personal injury cases (app. 50% plaintiff and 50% insurance defense). Lead trial attorney in commercial litigation, including corporate and partnership dissolutions, and municipal litigation. Represented both plaintiffs and defendants in medical malpractice litigation. Frequently selected as neutral third arbitrator in three-person arbitrations. Partner from 1976 to 1992 in 20-30 person law firm. Mentor of firm associates.
- Sabbatical 1992 to 1994
Retired from law firm in 1992. Spent the winter of 1992-1993 skiing Sierra Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, and Idaho. September 1, 1993, set sail aboard my 43 foot sailboat "Pampero" on a one year trip to Mexico, returning to San Francisco in October of 1994.
- Parish and Nelson, P.C.** Stockton, California
Trial Attorney 1995 to 2003
After taking the California Bar Exam in June of 1995, commenced practice in Stockton, California with William H. Parish, also a veteran litigator. Practice was almost entirely commercial litigation. Highlights included defense verdict for Dupont in billion-dollar anti-trust case filed by Joseph Alioto, and two record setting environmental defense cases involving PCE groundwater contamination and insurance coverage issues.
- Law Offices of Robert D. Nelson** Sacramento, CA and Tacoma, WA
Commercial Litigator 2003 to Present
Solo practice limited to commercial litigation, corporate, partnership and other business dissolutions and reorganizations, intra business disputes, breach of fiduciary duty; agricultural, vineyard and winery litigation.
- Other Interests:** *Sailing, Skiing, Golf, Celestial Navigation, computers, photography, music.*