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Kahrs Law Firm, P.S.
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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

PRINCIPAL

KAHRS LAW FIRM, P.S., Seattle, WA (1999 - present)

Principal of law firm representing individuals in civil and criminal litigation. General civil litigation plus specialized civil litigation areas involving the Public Records Act and the civil rights act. Specialized criminal areas include both state and federal habeas corpus practice and sexually violent predator defense. Litigation history in all levels of both the Washington State and the United States federal courts.

ASSOCIATE

LAW OFFICE OF MITCHELL A. RIESE, Seattle, WA (1997 - 98, 2000 - 2004)

Provided legal assistance for prisoners at the Monroe Correctional Complex under contract with the Department of Corrections. Legal assistance included post conviction relief including habeas corpus petitions. Represented prisoners (mostly sex offenders) at monthly parole hearing Twin Rivers Correction Center.

PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NUCLEAR ENGINEER

PUGET SOUND NAVAL SHIPYARD, Bremerton, WA (1987 - 92)

Managed overhaul of electrical nuclear reactor components on a Nimitz class aircraft carrier. Supervised all reactor plant work, testing, and maintenance. Developed and wrote technical work instructions.

MARINE ENGINEER

MERCHANT MARINE, Alaska (1979 - 85)

Operated, maintained and repaired shipboard equipment.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

J.D., Martin Luther King, Jr. School of Law, 1997

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

M.S., Nuclear Engineering, 1987

B.S., Physics, 1983

ASSOCIATIONS, BAR MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS

2007 Washington Rising Star; Washington Law And Politics
United States Supreme Court (2002)
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (1999)
United States District Court - Western District of Washington (1998)
Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) (1997)
Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (WACDL)
Co-chair, Corrections Committee
Washington State Trial Lawyers Association (WSTLA)

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

WACDL CLE – DOC, Your Clients and You, June, 2007: Faculty.

WSBA CLE - Criminal Justice Institute - Prison Law, September, 2005: Faculty.

WACDL CLE - Classification of Washington Prisoners, May, 2002: Faculty.

Washington Criminal Defense: Good Time, Your Client and You. Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; May 2007.

Washington Criminal Defense: Division II Ruling A Boost For Right-To-Counsel Argument. Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; August 2006; Vol. 20 No. 3.

Washington Criminal Defense: Poverty And Our Present Sentencing Scheme. Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; November 2005; Vol. 19 No. 4.

Washington Criminal Defense: Washington's Per Se Denial Of Counsel At Community Custody Violation Hearings As An Infringement Of Due Process. Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; August 2003; Vol. 17 No. 3.

Washington Criminal Defense: Common Sentencing Mistakes. Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; May 2002; Vol. 16, No. 2.

Washington Criminal Defense: Attorneys Representing Sex Offenders Need to Look Ahead to End-of-Sentence Issues. Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; August 2001; Vol 15. No. 3.

PUBLISHED CASES

Sanders v. Ryder, 342 F.3d 991 (2003).