

I have practiced in Seattle and Bellevue since I graduated from Wake Forest University law school in 1983. I was with Williams Kastner for 18 years and for the last 11 years I have been with Peterson Russell Kelly PLLC, a 15 lawyer firm in Bellevue. I have a broad based commercial practice with an emphasis on commercial financial transactions including corporate finance, secured transactions, bankruptcy and real estate finance. I regularly advise both lenders and creditors on UCC issues, guarantor liability, state and federal regulations affecting loans, fraudulent transfer and preference issues, receiverships, foreclosure, relief from stay litigation and collection matters. My clients include privately held retail, manufacturing and seafood companies, national and local lenders, borrowers and guarantors, and real estate developers.

My bankruptcy experience includes numerous relief from stay motions, valuation contests, Chapter 11, 12 and 13 confirmation objections, and motions to set aside liens. I have represented a variety of business clients in preference and fraudulent conveyance actions in Washington, and through pro hoc vice admissions, in California, Mississippi, Illinois, New York and Delaware. I have been involved in dischargeability actions, and have represented defendants in a variety of adversary actions. Although I do not file personal bankruptcies for individuals I frequently provide pre-bankruptcy counsel.

I completed the University of Washington mediation skills training (36 hours) in January 2006, and have subsequently attended a number of mediation related CLEs. I am a member of the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution and the WSBA Alternative Dispute Resolution Section.