

1. A short biography (500 words or less) concerning your background and practice. You may use a separate document or send a pre-existing biography.

## BACKGROUND

After law school at the University of Washington, Kyle Johnson served on active duty in the army for four years as an Army lawyer trying court-martials in Korea and then working in the Pentagon in Washington DC. The Washington DC location allowed him to continue his legal education where he achieved an LLM in tax at George Washington University.

His initial position as a lawyer in private practice was with a firm now known as Foster Pepper & Shefelman in Seattle where he focused on real estate transactions, acquisitions, construction, securities, and a broad variety of general business legal matters including some civil litigation. Because of his insightful understanding of people he became responsible for hiring many of the lawyers still working in that firm today.

Over time, He became a general business attorney who also tried cases. He was an entrepreneur by nature and was involved as a founder in starting several law firms, including Brown & Johnson, Lasher & Johnson, Chism Jacobson & Johnson, and The Johnson Law Group. His practice focus remained that of a general business lawyer representing privately held businesses, entrepreneurs, and cases where there were complex financial issues like high net worth marital dissolution, real estate, contracts and business transactions, and estates and trusts, all of which benefited from his background as a general business and tax attorney.

While he tried those that did not settle, most cases settle because trial of the case represents a road most well informed litigants prefer not to travel.

He now works exclusively as an independent neutral providing mediation and arbitration services.

## PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Member of The Honorable Thomas T. Glover Mediation Program for the US Bankruptcy Court for Western Washington District 2016 - Present

Principal of KJAMS, Kyle Johnson Arbitration and Mediation 2014 - present

Of Counsel, Lasher Holzapfel Sperry & Ebberson, 2010 - 2014

Principal, Johnson Law Group, 1999-10

Firm Manager/Partner, Chism Jacobson & Johnson, 1992-99

Partner, Stanislaw Ashbaugh Chism Jacobson & Riper, 1989-92

Managing Partner, Lasher & Johnson, 1976-89

Partner, Brown & Johnson, 1974-76  
Associate, Foster Pepper & Schefelman, 1971-74  
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army Reserve, Judge Advocate General Corps, (retired)  
Active duty, U.S. Army, Judge Advocate General Corps, 1967-71

2. Identify the geographic area(s) where you are willing to mediate (for example, are you available to parties just in the Seattle metropolitan area, the Tacoma area, north of Seattle, etc.):

Seattle-Tacoma-Everett

3. Please identify the practice areas in which you would prefer to mediate (check all that apply):

- Breach of Contract. (Yes)
- Classification of Claims
- Construction Issues (yes).
- Dischargeability (yes)
- Injunctive or Declaratory Relief (yes)
- Lien Avoidance
- Multiple Litigations (yes)
- Objection to Claim
- Objection to Plan Confirmation
- Preference / Fraudulent Conveyance (yes)
- Real Estate Issues (yes)
- Validity of Lien
- Violation of Stay
- Employment of Professionals (yes)
- Compensation of Professionals (yes)
- Family Law (yes)
- Employment of Trustee or Examiner
- Compensation of Trustee or Examiner
- Other: Trusts and Estates \_\_\_\_\_(yes)