

Mediation Biography – Richard (“Dick”) Wotipka

Born: 1952, Renton, Washington

College: University of Washington, B.A., English, 1978

Law school: Seattle University, 1981

Admitted to practice in Washington State, Federal District Court for the Western and Eastern Districts of Washington, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

I am a partner in the Broadway Law Group, 707 East Harrison, Seattle, Washington 98102 . I have over 30 years experience in civil litigation, debtor/creditor and employee/employer representations.

I recovered a record setting jury verdict on behalf of a King County employee (*Azpitarte v. King County, King Co. Superior Court case no. 86-2-25355-6*) and won an appellate decision that is cited nationally for expanding the area of employee rights (*Eserhut v. Heister, 52 Wn. App. 515, 762 P.2d 6 (1988)*). I have spoken at CLE programs on Bankruptcy and debtor/creditor presentations, and have enjoyed representing clients from both sides of the aisle in the debtor/creditor and employee/employer areas, with clients that include the entire spectrum of individuals and businesses.

I am a native Seattleite who loves the area and its people. I enjoy the many wonderful outdoor activities that the Pacific Northwest offers, including skiing with my family, running, swimming, fishing, kayaking, and playing pick-up and league soccer. I live on Mercer Island with my wife Libby (a teaching assistant at the local grade school) and three sons.