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LEGAL EXPERIENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

Partner

Borgeson and Burns, P.C.
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2000-2010

Attorney and Partner

Birch Horton Bittner and Cherot
100 Cushman Street, Suite 311
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1987–December 2000

For nearly 25 years, my practice with the law firms Borgeson & Burns and, prior to that, Birch Horton Bittner and Cherot focused on commercial litigation, business transactions, property law and insurance defense on behalf of financial institutions, corporations and private clients.

Prior to forming Borgeson & Burns, P.C., partner Cory Borgeson and I formerly staffed the Fairbanks office of Birch Horton Bittner and Cherot, which at that time was a full service law firm with offices in Anchorage, Juneau, and Washington D.C. Birch Horton Bittner and Cherot specialized in government relations, public utilities, construction law, complex litigation, commercial transactions and real estate. My general practice areas while with Birch Horton Bittner and Cherot focused on business law, property law, insurance defense, and related litigation.

**Adjunct Professor
Business Law
University of Alaska Fairbanks
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709
(907) 474-5299
1998-2010**

Taught undergraduate and graduate courses in legal aspects of business problems, including general principles, legal characteristics and liability considerations in selecting the appropriate client model for transacting business and administration of law in contracts, agency, employment, personal sales and property transactions.

**Judicial Clerkship
Superior Court of the State of Alaska
Fourth Judicial District
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
(907) 452-9277
1985-1986**

Served as law clerk for the four Fairbanks Superior court judges, providing legal research and analysis and preparation of draft orders and decisions.

**Legal Extern
Justice Jay Rabinowitz
Supreme Court of the State of Alaska
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
1984-1985**

Assisted Justice Rabinowitz with legal research and analysis and drafted legal memorandums.

EDUCATION AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

- University of Puget Sound School of Law, Tacoma, Washington, J.D.
- University of Alaska Fairbanks, B.A. history and philosophy
- West Valley High School, Fairbanks, High School graduate
- Born Raleigh North Carolina, March 31, 1959
- Relocated with family from Raleigh, North Carolina to Fairbanks, Alaska in 1960, to Nome, Alaska in 1961, and back to Fairbanks, Alaska in 1970

- Commercial fisherman (drift net) Bristol Bay (approximately 10 seasons)
 - Fisheries Technician, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, worked throughout Western Alaska and in Prince William Sound (approximately 10 seasons)
 - Married to Christi Burns, 1986
 - Two daughters, Alissa, age 22, a senior at the University of Arizona and Kate, age 17, high school junior studying abroad in Poland on a Rotary Exchange fellowship
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COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce, Past Member and Chair
 - Rotary Club of Fairbanks, Past Member
 - University of Fairbanks Chancellor's Advisory Committee
 - Hospice of Alaska, Member of the Board of Directors
 - Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Fairbanks – “Big Couple”
 - Former member of University of Alaska Fairbanks Hockey Team during college
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INTERESTS

- Fly fishing, photography, outdoor activities, and sports (UAF hockey)