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SUMMARY OF BACKGROUND

Seasoned attorney with proven record of integrating legal and financial analytical skills in project development, litigation, negotiations and deal teams. Adept at organizing and managing complex transactions and identifying and creating financial strategies. Undergraduate, law, and MBA degrees from top national programs. -

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2003-2014 **WALKER & RICHARDS, LLC, Anchorage, AK**
Partner at a boutique law firm specializing in municipal and oil and gas law. Practice focused on project development, finance, and tax. Had progressive responsibility over ten years of employment leading to management of the litigation team and coordinating strategic issues with clients. Regularly built sophisticated valuation, Monte Carlo, and other decision models to analyze tax, litigation, and project development issues.
- Served as bond counsel for the issuance of more than \$1.0 billion in municipal bonds.
 - Periodically undertook policy and asset allocation analyses on municipally owned permanent funds.
 - Performed an analysis of a \$10 million contract governing fishing quotas and developed a renegotiation strategy to bring it back into profitability.
 - Familiarity with oil and gas leasing and unitization issues in Alaska.
 - Developed strategies related to oil and property taxes such as for the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System, including working closely with appraisal, cost estimating, reserve, and other subject matter experts.
- 2002-2003 **WOHLFORTH, VASSAR, JOHNSON & BRECHT PC, Anchorage, AK**
Associate at an Alaska law firm that focused on public finance.
- Junior or lead bond counsel for governmental issues aggregating to over \$1.5 billion in debt.
 - Spent over a year researching and drafting a position paper on the feasibility of using tax-exempt private activity bonds to finance the construction of an Alaska natural gas pipeline.
- 2000-2001 **ALASKA SUPERIOR COURT, Fairbanks, AK**
Law Clerk for the Honorable Ralph R. Beistline.
- Supervised dispositive, evidentiary, and discovery motions and appeals.

EDUCATION

DUKE UNIVERSITY, Fuqua School of Business, Durham, NC

Master of Business Administration, May 2008

Summer Position, Rogge Global Partners PLC, London, UK. Completed macro-economic research projects for a fixed income manager and oversaw inception documentation for an internally run hedge fund.

WASHINGTON & LEE UNIVERSITY, School of Law, Lexington, VA

Juris Doctor, May 2000

Part-time Position, HCI Consulting, Lexington, VA. Handled discovery for a small consulting firm involved in contract disputes in Mexico.

Summer Position, AEW Capital Management, Boston, MA. Equity research for the Real Estate Investment Trust group of a real estate asset management firm.

Summer Position, Dorsey & Whitney, LLP, Anchorage, AK. Drafted memoranda in a variety of practice areas for a large national law firm.

Summer Position, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Washington, DC. Legal analysis on financial issues such as whether the swaps markets should be regulated.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, McIntire School of Commerce, Charlottesville, VA

Bachelor of Science, Commerce, Concentration in Finance, May 1997

Summer Position, Dresdner RCM Global Investors, LLC, San Francisco, CA. Trading intern for an asset management firm.