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LICENSURE & EDUCATION

Washington Supreme Court Bar number 41870	Admitted Nov. 2009
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals	Admitted Apr. 2013
U.S. District Court – Western District of Washington	Admitted Oct. 2013
Western University of Nebraska College of Law J.D., with distinction • Top 10% • GPA: 7.48/9 • Nebraska Moot Court Board, Senior Member • Elmer J. Jackson Law Scholarship (merit-based)	Aug. 2006 – May 2009 Lincoln, NE
University of Washington B.A., Psychology & Philosophy, with honors in Philosophy	Sep. 2000 – May 2004 Seattle, WA

RECOGNITION

Rising Star (Consumer Immigration) <i>Super Lawyers, Washington State</i>	2015, 2016
Fellow <i>Washington Leadership Institute</i> <i>Washington State Bar Association & University of Washington School of Law</i>	2014-2015
Washington Young Lawyer Committee Public Service Incentive Award Recognition for engagement in public service activities <i>Washington State Bar Association</i>	2014
Certificate of Appreciation For development of Chapter mentorship program <i>American Immigration Lawyers Association – Washington Chapter</i>	2013
Order of the Coif For academic achievement during law school <i>National Order of the Coif</i>	2009
Pat Giels Memorial Award For excellent representation of immigration clients as student attorney <i>University of Nebraska School of Law Immigration Clinic</i>	2009
Excellence for the Future Awards For top grade in Criminal Law, Mental Health Law, American Legal History, & Int'l Human Rights Seminar <i>CALI</i>	2007-2009

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

Managing Attorney May 2012 – Present
Sound Immigration Tacoma, WA
Founding attorney of progressive law firm making creative use of technology and innovative practice management

- Manage team of on- and off-site attorneys providing client-focused immigration law representation
- Design and implement human-focused practice management solutions
- Defend rights of immigrant beneficiaries to financial support under the Form I-864, Affidavit of Support
- Represent families in the immigration system, including U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and Dept. of State
- Pursue family-based immigration benefits and hardship waivers
- Appellate advocacy before Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

Part-time Associate Attorney March 2012 – July 2012
Seifert Law Offices Olympia, WA
Support small immigration law firm with federal appeals, removal defense and family petitions

- Written advocacy for 9th Circuit, Board of Immigration Appeals, Immigration Court and USCIS
- Advocate for family-based and humanitarian benefits
- Experience includes: cancellation of removal, prosecutorial discretion; motions to reopen; I-601 hardship waiver
- Conduct technical immigration law research

Judicial Law Clerk Feb. 2010 – Feb. 2012
Washington State Superior Court for Kitsap County Port Orchard, WA
Provide legal research and analysis for trial court judges on broad range of state law issues

- Evaluate civil motions based on written materials and oral arguments
- Summarize complex legal motions for busy trial judges.
- Research, draft and edit bench briefs, memorandum opinions and orders
- Manage time-sensitive workload on multiple weekly motions dockets
- Spearhead Local Rules Committee and redrafted local court rules

Research Editor Aug. 2009 – Feb. 2010
S. Mailman, et al., IMMIGRATION LAW AND PROCEDURE (Bender-Lexis, 2009) (1988) Telecommute
Technical legal research and writing for the leading immigration law treatise

- Identify changes in substantive and procedural law for assigned section of legal desk book
- Provide immigration attorneys with practice advice on law and procedure
- Draft new treatise sections and prepare for final publication
- Research and draft new subchapter on hardship waivers of inadmissibility

Student Immigration Attorney May 2008 – May 2009
University of Nebraska Civil Legal Clinic Lincoln, NE
Represent low-income noncitizens for family-based benefits and naturalization

- Prepare applications for family-based benefits, humanitarian benefits, and naturalization
- Represent non-citizens in immigration court and administrative interviews
- Pat Giels Memorial Award recipient (2009) for excellence in client representation and teamwork

Law Clerk, Welfare Due Process Project June 2007 – Feb. 2009
Nebraska Applesseed Center for Law in the Public Interest Lincoln, NE
Support class action litigation promoting fairness in public benefit programs

- Represent class members of low income recipients of public benefits
- Evaluate public interest cases based on administrative and constitutional law
- Prepare legal research focused on complex interplay of federal and state Medicaid statutes and regulations

Legal Research Assistant

University of Nebraska College of Law

Legal research assistance for constitutional law professor, Eric Berger

May – August 2008
Lincoln, NE

- Assist in scholarly research relating to death penalty execution protocols
- Locate and analyze legal authorities on constitutional and administrative law
- Review and comment on drafts of research paper

Teaching Assistant, Legal Research and Writing

University of Nebraska College of Law

Present classroom instruction and individual mentoring on legal research and writing

Feb. – May 2008
Lincoln, NE

- Present classroom instruction
- Tutor students one-on-one
- Review student writing for style and compliance guidelines

PUBLICATIONS

Book: IMMIGRATION LAW FOR THE FAMILY LAW PRACTITIONER, Greg McLawsen (American Bar Association – Forthcoming 2016)

[In press] **Article:** *Competence to Proceed in Immigration Court; The Insanity Continues*, Greg McLawsen and Julia McLawsen, __ BENDER'S IMMIGR. BULL. __ (in press)

Article: *The Rules Have Changed: Stop Drafting I-864s for Joint Sponsors*, Greg McLawsen and Gustavo Cueva, 20 BENDER'S IMMIGR. BULL. 1287 (Nov. 15, 2015)

Article: *Is There a Case for Bringing LLLTs into a Firm; Does it Make Good Business Sense*, Jerry Moberg and Greg McLawsen, Vol. 69, No. 8 NWLAWYER 20 (Nov. 2015)

Article: *Redfin is Cheaper and Better than a Real Estate Agent; Will You Be the Redfin of Legal?* Greg McLawsen, Vol. 69, No. 7 NWLAWYER 20 (Oct. 2015)

Article: *Mental Health Inadmissibility: Helping Clients Who Engage in Self-Harm*, Julia McLawsen and Greg McLawsen, 20 BENDER'S IMMIGR. BULL. 973 (Sep. 1, 2015)

Article: *The I-864 Affidavit of Support: An Intro to the Immigration Form You Must Learn to Love/Hate*, Greg McLawsen, Vo 48. No. 4 ABA FAM. L. QUARTERLY (Winter 2015)

Article: *Nine Mistaken Beliefs about Immigrants and the Law*, Greg McLawsen and Gustavo Cueva, KING CO. BAR BULL. (Apr. 2015)

Article: *Screening for Employee Immigration Status*, Greg McLawsen and Mike Allen, TACOMA PIERCE COUNTY BAR BULL. (Apr. 2015)

Article: *Canadian Indians, Inuit, Metis and metis; An Exploration of the Unparalleled Rights Enjoyed by American Indians Born in Canada to Freely Access the United States*, Greg Boos, Greg McLawsen and Heather Fathali, 4 Seattle J. Env'tl. L. 343 (2014)

Article: *Flat Fees: A Few Wrinkles*, Greg McLawsen and Deborah Niedermeyer, Vol. 68, No. 4 NWLAWYER 29 (June 2014)

Article: *Flat Fees: Know What's Yours To Keep*, Greg McLawsen and Deborah Niedermeyer, 19 AMER. IMM. LAWYERS ASSN. NEW MEMBERS DIV. E-NEWS (May 2014)

- Article:** *Suing on the I-864 Affidavit of Support; March 2014 Update*, Greg McLawsen, 19 BENDER'S IMMIGR. BULL. 343 (Apr. 1, 2014)
- Article:** *Attention, Solo Attorneys: Who's Got Your Back?* Greg McLawsen and Russell Mikow, Vol. 4, Iss. 6 AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION VOICE, AN IMMIGRATION DIALOGUE 42 (Nov.-Dec. 2013)
- Article:** *American Indians Born in Canada and the Right of Free Access to the United States*, Greg Boos and Greg McLawsen, concurrently published in 18 BENDER'S IMMIGR. BULL. 1103 (Oct. 1, 2013) and Border Policy Research Institute, Western Washington University, Research Report No. 20 (Oct. 2013)
- Article:** *Solo Attorneys: Who's Got Your Back? You Need Backup Counsel to Protect Your Clients and Yourself*, Greg McLawsen and Russell Mikow, *The Bar News (Journal of the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association)* (August 1, 2013)
- Book Chapter:** *Model Practice Documents – Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)*, in IMMIGRATION PRACTICE TOOLBOX (American Immigration Lawyers Association 4th Ed. (2013)
- Article:** *Window Cleaning, Wine Tasting... and Wills? Ethics of Attorney Marketing on "Daily Deal" Websites*, Vol. 67, No. 5 N.W. LAWYER 7 (Wash. St. Bar. Assn. July/Aug. 2013)
- Article:** *Is Google Voice the Right (Free) Choice for Your Firm?* Vol 4., Iss. 3 Immigration Practice News 2 (March 2013)
- Article:** *Suing on the I-864 Affidavit of Support*, 17 BENDER'S IMMIGR. BULL. 1943 (Dec. 15, 2012)
- Article:** *The Contractual Duty to Support an Immigrant Spouse*, Lisa Seifert and Greg McLawsen, THURSTON LEGAL BRIEF (Sep. 2012), reprinted at THE BAR NEWS (Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association) (Jan. 2013)
- Book Chapter:** *Guide to the Kitsap County Courthouse*, Greg McLawsen, et al., Ch. 4-E in WASHINGTON LAWYERS PRACTICE MANUAL Theodore Angelis, ed.) (King Co. Bar Ass'n 2012) (1977)
- Article:** *Demonstrating Psychological Hardship; A Statistical Study of Psychology Evaluations in Hardship Waivers of Inadmissibility*, Greg McLawsen, et al., 16 BENDER'S IMMIGR. BULL. 10 (Jan. 1, 2011)
- Chapter section:** *Waivers of Inadmissibility*, (Greg McLawsen as research editor), § 63.12[1] in IMMIGRATION LAW AND PROCEDURE, Stanley Mailman & Steven Yale-Loehr (Bender-Lexis 2009) (1988)

SPEAKING & PRESENTATIONS

- Invited speaker**, Free and Low-Cost Technology for Your Law Firm, Kittitas County Bar Association's monthly meeting (Ellensburg, WA, September 8, 2016)
- Speaker**, Advanced I-864 Issues, Sound Immigration Monthly Immigration CLE (Webinar, Aug. 31, 2016)
- Invited participant**, TBD Law Conference hosted by Lawyerist Media (St. Louis, MO, Aug. 14-16, 2016)
- Invited speaker**, Essentials of Employment Law (Immigration Issues), Sterling Education seminar (Tacoma, WA, Aug. 10, 2016).
- Invited speaker**, The Ethics of Marketing Your Practice, Seattle University School of Law Low Bono CLE (Seattle, WA, Aug. 1, 2016)
- Invited speaker**, Agile Project Management for Lawyers, Seattle Legal Technology and Innovation Meetup Group's 21st Century Lawyer CLE (Seattle, WA, June 7, 2016)

Invited speaker, Legal Tech Set-Up, Seattle University School of Law Low Bono CLE (Seattle, WA, June 1, 2016)

Speaker, Adjustment of Status from ESTA/Visa Waiver, Sound Immigration Monthly Immigration CLE (Webinar, May 24, 2016)

Invited speaker, The Ethics of Marketing Your Practice, American Immigration Lawyer's Association – Washington Chapter Annual CLE (Seattle, WA, May 13, 2016)

Invited speaker, Agile project management for the real estate lawyer: replacing busyness with effectiveness and clarity, King County Bar Association, Real Property Probate and Trust Section CLE (Seattle, WA, May 4, 2016)

Invited speaker, Legal Zoom, Legal Hacking and Why You Shouldn't Look for a Job, University of Nebraska Lincoln College of Law, American Constitutional Society (Lincoln, NE, Apr. 4, 2016)

Invited speaker, What Every Attorney Needs to Know About E-Signatures and Submission of On-Line Forms, Washington State Bar Association Solo and Small Practice Section Annual CLE – 7 Keys to Managing a 21st Century Practice (Seattle, WA, Jan. 22, 2016)

Invited panelist, *Dual and Joint Representation*, Annual Ethics CLE, American Immigration Lawyers Association – Washington Chapter (Seattle, WA, Dec. 7, 2015)

Invited speaker, *Immigration Financial Support; A Tool for Helping Survivors Achieve Independence*, 41st Annual Conference (Dallas, TX, Aug. 19, 2015)

Invited speaker, *Immigration Insights for the Every-Lawyer*, 10th Annual Washington State Bar Association Solo and Small Practice Conference (Spokane, WA, July 10, 2015)

Invited speaker, *Creating Fee Agreements*, 10th Annual Washington State Bar Association Solo and Small Practice Conference (Spokane, WA, July 9, 2015)

Invited panelist, *Complicated Affidavit of Support Issues*, American Immigration Lawyer's Association National Conference (Washington D.C., June 20, 2015)

Invited speaker, *Immigration Law for Family Law Attorneys*, Kitsap County Bar Association Family Law Section (Port Orchard, WA, April 10, 2015)

Invited speaker, *Affidavit of Support; Advanced Topics*, Northwest Regional Immigration Conference, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Seattle University School of Law (Seattle, WA, March 19, 2015)

Invited speaker, *Psycholegal Standards in U.S. Immigration Law*, Post-Doctoral Seminar Series, Western State Hospital (Steilacoom, WA, February 8, 2015)

Invited Speaker, *Running a Paperless Law Office*, Introduction to the Practice of Law in Pierce County – Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section (Tacoma, WA, October 3, 2014)

Discussion Facilitator, *Mission Possible Symposium*, Washington State Bar Association, Future of the Profession Work Group (University Place, WA, October 1, 2014)

Invited Speaker, *Not Your Grandma's Law Practice*, Social Justice Monday – Seattle University School of Law (Seattle, WA, September 29, 2014)

Invited speaker, *Legal Ethics: Tips For Everyday Practice*, National Business Institute (Seattle, WA, August 21, 2014)

Invited panelist, *Cocktail Reception Law: Substantive Law Issues You May Face*, 9th Annual Washington State Bar Association Solo and Small Practice Conference (Vancouver, WA, July 26, 2014)

Invited speaker, *The Ethics of Flat Fee Billing*, 9th Annual Washington State Bar Association Solo and Small Practice Conference (Vancouver, WA, July 24, 2014)

Invited panelist, *Keynote Address: The Small Firm Advantage*, 9th Annual Washington State Bar Association Solo and Small Practice Conference (Vancouver, WA, July 24, 2014)

Invited panelist, *Branding Your Practice in a DIY World*, 9th Annual Washington State Bar Association Solo and Small Practice Conference (Vancouver, WA, July 24, 2014)

Invited speaker, *Psycholegal Standards in U.S. Immigration Law*, Post-Doctoral Seminar Series, Western State Hospital (Steilacoom, WA, June 6, 2012)

Invited speaker, *Technology for Starting an Immigration Practice*, New Members Division Continuing Legal Education, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Washington Chapter (Seattle, Apr. 10, 2014)

Invited speaker, *The Ethics of Using Social Media*, Business Development 101: Tools and Techniques to Build a Successful Law Practice, Seattle University School of Law (Seattle, WA, Mar. 21, 2014)

Invited panelist, *Rights of Access for American Indians and Inuit Born in Canada*, Seattle University School of Law, Arctic Encounter Symposium (Seattle, WA, Feb. 8, 2014)

Invited speaker, *I-864 Advanced Issues; Enforcement, 40 Quarters Rule and Joint Sponsor Ethics*, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Washington Chapter, Monthly CLE (Seattle, WA, Jan. 6, 2014)

Invited speaker, *Choosing Hardware and Software for a Law Practice*, Seattle University School of Law (Seattle, WA, Dec. 10, 2013)

Invited speaker, *Immigration Law Issues in Family Law*, Tacoma Pierce County Bar Association's Annual Conference (Ocean Shores, WA, Sep. 28 2013)

Invited speaker, *Immigration Law for the Non-Immigration Lawyer*, Washington State Bar Association's Solo and Small Practice Section, Continuing Legal Education Seminar (Tacoma, WA, Sep. 13, 2013)

Invited speaker, *No Cost and Low Cost Technology to Manage Your Law Practice*, Washington State Legal Institute (Tacoma, WA, Aug. 6, 2013)

Invited speaker, *Staff Up or Staff Out? Getting the Help You Need to Run Your Practice*, 8th Annual Washington State Bar Association Solo and Small Practice Conference (Vancouver, WA, July 2013)

Panel moderator, *Retirement and Succession Planning for the Solo and Small Firm*, 8th Annual Washington State Bar Association Solo and Small Practice Conference (Vancouver, WA, July 2013)

Invited speaker, *Free and Low-Cost Tech for Your Law Practice; Managing the Business Side of the Practice*, National Business Institute (Seattle, WA, July 12, 2013)

Invited panelist, *Solo Practice Panel*, Washington State Bar Association Bi-Monthly Job Seeker Group (July 10, 2013)

Invited speaker, *Immigration Law 101*, Washington State Paralegal Association 2013 Spring Continuing Legal Education Program (Seattle, WA, Apr. 26, 2013)

Invited speaker, *The I-864 Affidavit of Support; Why Your Client has to Pay Spousal Support Forever*, Monthly Bar Lunch, Kitsap County Bar Association (Port Orchard, WA, Mar. 2013)

Invited speaker, *House Bill 1079; the DREAM Act Forum*, Panel Speaker, University of Washington – Tacoma (Tacoma, WA, Mar. 2013)

- Invited speaker, *The I-864 Affidavit of Support; Why Your Client has to Pay Spousal Support Forever***, Family Law Section CLE, Tacoma Pierce County Bar Association (Tacoma, WA, Nov. 2012)
- Invited speaker, *The I-864 Affidavit of Support; Why Your Client has to Pay Spousal Support Forever***, Immigration Law & Interpreter Services CLE, Kitsap Legal Services (Bremerton, WA, Nov. 2012)
- Invited speaker, *Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals***, Immigration Law & Interpreter Services CLE, Kitsap Legal Services (Bremerton, WA, Nov. 2012)
- Invited speaker, *Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals – What you need to know***, South Seattle Community College (Seattle, WA, Nov. 2012)
- Invited speaker, *Immigration Law in 40 Minutes; Practicing Happy Law***, Paralegal Program, Tacoma Community College (Tacoma, WA, Nov. 2012)
- Invited speaker, *Psychological Hardship Evaluations in Immigration Law***, Post-Doctoral Seminar Series, Western State Hospital (Steilacoom, WA, June 2012)
- Invited speaker, *Psychology Testimony in Immigration Law: An Empirical Examination of Hardship Waiver Decisions***, Greg McLawsen, *et al.*, Paper Presentation at the American Psychology-Law Association international conference (Vancouver, B.C., Mar. 2010)
- Invited speaker, *Extreme Hardship Evaluations in Immigration Law: Translating Legal Standards into Clinical Practice***, Julia McLawsen & Greg McLawsen, *et al.*, Paper Presentation at the American Psychology-Law Association international conference (San Antonio, TX, Mar. 2009)

SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS

- Washington State Bar Association Small and Solo Practice Section**, Immediate Past Chair, Executive Committee (10/16 – present)
- American Immigration Lawyers Association – Washington State Chapter**, Law Practice and Technology Committee, Chair (9/13 – present)
- Washington State Bar Association Small and Solo Practice Section**, Chair, Executive Committee (06/15 – 10/16)
- Washington State Bar Association Future of the Profession Work Group**, Member (01/14 – 06/15)
- American Immigration Lawyers Association – Washington State Chapter**, Executive Committee, Secretary (5/14 – 6/15)
- Washington State Bar Association Small and Solo Practice Section**, Chair Elect, Executive Committee (10/13 – 06/15)
- American Immigration Lawyers Association – Washington State Chapter**, Executive Committee, Treasurer (5/13 – 5/14)
- Washington State Bar Association Small and Solo Practice Section**, Executive Committee Member (5/13 – 10/13)
- Steering Committee - 8th Annual Washington State Bar Association Solo and Small Firm Conference**, Member (1/13 – present)
- American Immigration Lawyers Association – Washington State Chapter, Technology Committee**, Member (1/13 – present)

Washington State Bar Association, Web-conferencing Working Group, Small and Solo Practice Section Liaison
(1/13 – present)

**Washington State Bar Association Small and Solo Practice Section, Executive Committee Member, Young Lawyers
Committee Liaison (10/12 – 5/13)**

Immigrant Families Advocacy Project – University of Washington School of Law, Attorney mentor (9/12 – 9/13)

American Immigration Lawyers Association - Washington State Chapter, New Members Division, Vice-Chairman
(6/12 – present)

Kitsap County Bar Association - Young Lawyers Division, Continuing Legal Education Chair (12/10-12/11)

Nebraska Zen Center, Board of Directors, Secretary (2/08-2/10)

Equal Justice Society - University of Nebraska School of Law, President (5/07-5/09)

**Allies and Advocates for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Equality – University of Nebraska School of
Law, Cofounder and Vice-President (5/07-5/08)**