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I'm a partner with Fitzwater Law and have practiced with this firm for more than 19 years. My practice emphasizes legal issues unique to the elderly and their families, including guardianship and conservatorship proceedings, probate estates, trust administration, and estate planning. Some of my favorite cases are the emergency ("temporary") guardianships and conservatorships. I received my J.D. from Willamette University College of Law.

I value helping people in times of crisis by making the legal system understandable. I pride myself on being reliable and thorough in my work, while striving to take the mystery out of the legal process.

Elder law and estate planning is a perfect fit for me. Since my time as a psychology major at Linfield College I have enjoyed helping people in need. I am a frequent volunteer at the Legal Aid Service's Senior Law Project providing pro bono legal help to seniors. I also enjoy teaching other attorneys to practice elder law. I am a faculty speaker for the Multnomah Bar Association on the issues of probate administration and guardianships. I am currently the Chair-Elect of the Executive Committee for the Elder Law Section of the Oregon State Bar.

I enjoy applying my knowledge and skills to assist my community. I am the second-term President and founding board member of Guardian Partners, a non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating abuse and neglect for our elderly and disabled populations. I was a Co-Editor of the Oregon State Bar's Elder Law Handbook (2017). Also in 2017, I was awarded the Oregon State Bar President's Public Service Award for my volunteer service.

I have lived in the Northwest the majority of my life. When I am not in the office helping clients, you will find me and my husband visiting Oregon State University to watch our youngest son play violin in the orchestra or traveling to Texas to watch a Formula 1 race and visit our oldest son.

EDUCATION

- Willamette University College of Law - J.D. (1998)

ORGANIZATIONS

- Oregon State Bar (OSB), Elder Law Section and Estate Planning and Administration Section
- OSB Elder Law Section Executive Committee, Treasurer
- Multnomah Bar Association (MBA)
- Co-Editor, Oregon State Bar Elder Law Book
- Oregon Women Lawyers (OWLS)
- Guardian Partners Board President, past Treasurer
- Guardian/Conservator Association of Oregon
- Oregon Working Interdisciplinary Network of Guardian Stakeholders (WINGS)