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LICENSED LEGAL PRACTITIONER

CONNAGHAN LAW FIRM: 2017 to present – Represent clientele in real estate and commercial matters, offering a range of business, real estate and estate planning strategies. Arbitrator and Mediator, facilitating alternative dispute resolution as panel member with Advanced Resolution Management’s team in Las Vegas, Nevada.

CONNAGHAN NEWBERRY LAW FIRM: Founder and partner, represented clientele in real estate, business and commercial transactions, trust formation and administration, and in probate, state and federal lower and appellate court litigation. Las Vegas, Nevada, 2010 to 2017.

DEANER, DEANER, SCANN, MALAN & LARSEN: Represented commercial, business, estate and real estate transaction and litigation clientele in Las Vegas, Nevada from 2005 to 2010. Highlights include, represented trustee in solving title and other issues with title company and buyer in negotiating, documenting and closing sale of multi-million dollar commercial Las Vegas property. Negotiated, documented and performed due diligence on multiple real estate transactions, including \$45 million land assemblage on behalf of Seller (Manager and Multi-Member LLC), and on behalf of purchaser (Trustee) of \$17.5 million residence. Authored opinion of counsel letters in commercial real estate transactions.

GENERAL COUNSEL - VESTIN GROUP, INC. & VESTIN MORTGAGE, INC.: General counsel for multi-tiered, nationwide commercial real estate financing company, a licensed mortgage and trust deed lender based in Las Vegas, Nevada, 1999 to 2005. Protected and recovered investor funds, assets, collateral and ROI. Performed due diligence, negotiated and documented purchase, construction and refinancing loans on real estate. Oversaw construction (voucher) control, and real estate owned (REO) divisions. Strategized, negotiated and litigated recovery avenues via title insurance, forbearance agreements, mechanics lien defense, deeds-in-lieu of foreclosure, repossession and litigation. Securities licensed, and served with team of professionals to author federal (SEC) and state (blue-sky) securities registrations for two mortgage fund offerings. Served as compliance officer for securities broker-dealer, and as regulatory affairs liaison.

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY: In-house counsel overseeing insurance defense litigation in Las Vegas, Nevada, 1998 to 1999.

LAW OFFICE OF PAUL R. CONNAGHAN: Represented clientele, including trustees, creditors and individuals in business and real estate transactions and in state, federal and bankruptcy litigation. Las Vegas, Nevada, 1991 to 1998.

BECKLEY, SINGLETON, DELANOY, JEMISON & LIST: Vegas, Nevada, 1989 to 1991. Commercial, real estate and insurance defense litigation.

WRIGHT, STEWART & JUDD: Las Vegas, Nevada, 1987 to 1989. Commercial transactions and litigation.

JUDICIAL AND ADR

LAS VEGAS MUNICIPAL COURT ALTERNATE JUDGE: Appointed in 2017 by Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman to serve as Municipal Court Alternative Judge.

ARBITRATOR – COURT ANNEXED ARBITRATION PROGRAM: Appointed by the Nevada Supreme Court as Arbitrator for the Clark County, Nevada Eighth Judicial District Court's Mandatory Arbitration Program to hear cases involving commercial, real estate, insurance defense and personal injury law, among other civil litigation matters.

HEARING OFFICER – CLARK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES: Appointed in 2016 by Clark County Board of Commissioners to serve as Hearing Officer in administrative hearings with the Clark County Department of Family Services.

MEDIATOR – Nevada Real Estate Division, 2017 to present.

NEUTRAL – ADVANCED RESOLUTION MANAGEMENT: Panel Member, Arbitrator & Mediator, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2016 to present.

EDUCATION

Pepperdine University College of Law, Straus Institute of Dispute Resolution, Fall 2015 – 42 hours mediation immersion training.

University of Wyoming College of Law, Juris Doctor, 1987
*Boston College **Cum Laude**, 1983.*

*University of San Diego **Dean's List**, 1979-1981.*

*Cheyenne (WY) Central HS **National Honor Society**, 1979*

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

Nevada Supreme Court, 1987

Federal District Court of Nevada

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

Colorado Supreme Court, 1995 – Licensed attorney in Colorado (inactive status).

Clark County Bar Association

VOLUNTEER WORKS

State Bar of Nevada Standing Committee on Judicial Ethics – Appointed in 2014 by Board of Governors, State Bar of Nevada, and Re-Appointed to two (2) year term commencing January 2016.

Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada – Volunteer Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Attorney.

Truancy Diversion Judge, Clark County District Court and Clark County School District Truancy Diversion Program 2016 and 2017 school years – Worked alongside social workers to mentor high school students at Arbor View High School in Las Vegas.

INTERESTS

Dedicated to family, and enjoy music, hiking, skiing, golf, basketball, and cross-training. Enjoy financial and business information, real estate investment and learning new topics by reading and listening to excellent speakers.