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PRACTICE OVERVIEW:

Shelley has a commercial litigation practice emphasizing intellectual property, class actions and other complex cases in trial and appellate courts. Shelley also practices in the First Amendment and media law field, with experience in access to government records and defense of defamation and privacy claims.

PRACTICE AREAS:

Litigation

Class Actions

Intellectual Property

EDUCATION:

University of Washington School of Law, J.D., Order of the Coif, contributing editor of the *Washington Law Review* and member of the Moot Court Honor Board (1998)

Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism, B.S. in Journalism (1991)

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE:

Washington (1998)

U.S. District Court for the Western and Eastern Districts of Washington

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

REPRESENTATIVE WORK:

Complex Litigation

Represent software company as lead counsel in multiple ongoing copyright enforcement actions, providing both advice and representation in federal courts.

Defend companies in consumer class action lawsuits in state and federal courts, through appeals and settlements.

Represent individuals and companies in various non competition/non solicitation and trade secrets disputes, in federal and state courts and in arbitration.

Stokes Lawrence, P.S.

Represented appellant in *Uznay v. Bevis*, 135 Wn. App. 359 (2007), regarding interpretation of a commercial property purchase and sale agreement.

Media Cases

Provide ongoing advice to newspapers, companies and individuals regarding access to government records and defamation and privacy issues.

Successfully argued before the Court of Appeals for unsealing of court records in *State v. Mendez*, 157 Wn. App. 565 (2011), and *In re Marriage of R.E.*, 144 Wn. App. 393 (2008).

Represented newspapers and individuals in successfully unsealing court records in several cases.

Represented a newspaper in successfully quashing a motion that would have prevented reporting of criminal trial.

Represented a newspaper in successfully obtaining access to thousands of withheld government records regarding an investigation of the Tacoma Police Department.

Represented a newspaper in successfully quashing a subpoena for a reporter's notes.

Submitted an amicus brief to the Washington Supreme Court in *Spokane Research & Defense Fund v. City of Spokane*, 155 Wn.2d 89 (2005), on behalf of Washington Coalition for Open Government and Allied Newspapers in successful effort to obtain disclosure of public records.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Rules Committee, Federal Bar Association of the Western District of Washington

Member, Seattle Intellectual Property Inn of Court

Member, Northwest Communications Law Group

Newsgathering Committee, Media Law Resource Center

Member, Washington State Bar Association's Committee for Diversity (2008 and 2009)

Founding Member and Past President, Backstage Pass, an audience development group for the Pacific Northwest Ballet

Past Board of Trustees, Pacific Northwest Ballet

Past Funding Associate, Artsfund

Past Docent, Bellevue Art Museum

RECENT PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

"Leveraging Circuit and Supreme Court Developments in Certification, Causation, Class Waivers and More," Presenter, Consumer Class Action Litigation: Navigating the Evolving Landscape, Strafford Publications Webinar (November 2011)

"Redefining Open Courts in Washington," Presenter and Moderator, Open Government in Washington State, Washington Coalition for Open Government (September 2011)

"Washington's Right of Publicity Statute Struck down as Unconstitutional in Part," MediaLawLetter, Media Law Resource Center (February 2011)

"Media Privacy and Related Law: Washington," Media Law Resource Center (2008 - 2011)

"Consumer Class Action Litigation, Leveraging New Developments in Class Certification, Causation and Reliance," Strafford Pubs. Teleconference (April 2010)

"Effective Brief Writing" (2009)

"Protecting Corporate Confidences in the Workplace," Stokes Law Briefs Educational Series for Business Leaders (September 2008)

“How the Internet is Changing the Practice of Journalism,” Media Law Resource Center and the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression (September 2008)

“Five Freedoms of the First Amendment,” Freedom to Speak! by Puget Sound Access (August 2008)

“What you Need to Know About Public Records and Open Meetings,” Program Moderator (2007, 2008); Presenter (2006, 2007, 2008)

“Intellectual Property Litigation Strategies and Management,” American Association of Corporate Counsel (Washington Chapter) (January 2008)

“Damages & Remedies for Infringement,” Copyright Management & Litigation Conference (April 2007)

“Advanced TTAB Practice and Procedure,” INTA Local Roundtable Presentation, Moderator (July 2007)

RECOGNITION:

The Best Lawyers in America[®] in First Amendment Law (2009-2012)

BACKGROUND & INTERESTS:

Shelley was associated with the firm Davis Wright Tremaine prior to joining Stokes Lawrence. Shelley also served as a law clerk to the Honorable William L. Dwyer at the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington. During law school, Shelley received a Goldmark Fellowship to spend a summer at the Northwest Justice Project, providing federally funded legal services to low-income clients.

In her life prior to law, Shelley spent four years working as a daily news producer at KING-TV in Seattle.