**Curriculum Vitae**

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**Jurisdictions Admitted**

State of Washington, November 1977

Federal District Court for the Western District of Washington, November 1977

**Education**

Juris Doctor, Willamette University College of Law

Salem, OR 1977

Bachelor of Arts in English Literature, Whitman College

Walla Walla, WA 1972

Howard University

Washington, D.C., 1970

**Legal Employment**

Principal, Law Office of Christopher Pence PLLC

Seattle and Bainbridge Island, WA, 2004 to present

Partner, Morrow Kidman Tinker & Pence PLLC

Bainbridge Island, WA, 2008-09

Partner, Pence & Dawson LLP

Seattle, WA, 1985 - 2004

Principal, Law Office of Christopher C. Pence

Seattle, WA 1981-85

Associate, Law Office of Arthur D. Swanson

Renton, WA 1980-81

Disciplinary Counsel, Washington State Bar Association

Seattle, WA 1977-80

**Non-Legal Employment**

City Editor, News Editor, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin,

Walla Walla, WA 1972-73

Correspondent, Portland Oregonian

Portland, OR 1972

**Professional Memberships**

King County Bar Association

Washington State Association for Justice

Washington State Bar Association

American Bar Association

**Boards and Committees**

Chair, Disciplinary Board of the Washington State Bar Association

Hearing Officer, Hearing Officer Panel of the Washington State Bar Association

Chair, Bainbridge Island People’s Law School

Co-chair, People’s Law School for Nonprofit Organizations

Washington State Supreme Court and Bar Association

Joint Task Force on Lawyer Discipline

Seattle-King County Task Force on Alternative Dispute Resolution

Bench-Bar-Press Committee of Washington

**Appellate Cases**

*Behnke v. Ahrens, 169 Wn. App. 360* (2012)

*Mullen v. Physician Insurance Company, 130 Wn. App. 1031* (2005)

*Lesher v. Murphy, 124 Wn. App. 1018* (2004)

*Herman v. Estabrook, 117 Wn. App. 1007 (2003)*

*Kim v. Budget Rent-A-Car,* 143 Wn.2d 190, 15 P.3d 1283 (2001)

*State Farm v. Johnson*, 72 Wn. App. 580, 871 P.2d 1066 (1994)

*Eriks v. Denver*, 118 Wn.2d 451, 824 P.2d 1207 (1992)

*In re Discipline of Curran*, 115 Wn.2d 747, 801 P.2d 962 (1990)

*Ebsary v. Pioneer Human Services*, 59 Wn. App. 218, 796 P.2d 769 (1990)

*Mele v. Turner*, 106 Wn.2d 73, 720 P.2d 787 (1986)

*In re Discipline of Yates*, 90 Wn.2d 767, 585 P.2d 1164 (1978)

*In re Discipline of Lavery*, 90 Wn.2d 463, 587 P.2d 157 (1978)

**Publications**

C. Pence and P. Brown, *Legal Ethics and Liability Issues: Plaintiff’s Perspective* (Nov. 2001) CLE course materials.

C. Pence, *Avoiding Fee Disputes and Informal Engagement Letters,* Legal Malpractice Rev. (Dec. 1979). Reprinted in 34:9 Washington State Bar News, 125 (Sept. 1980).

C. Pence, *In re Krogh and Attorney Discipline in Washington,* 12 Will. L.J., 374 (1976).

###### Lectures and Papers

*Ethical Considerations*, Winning: Hot Topics in Criminal Law, The Seminar Group, May 2005.

*The Practical Side of Running Your Own Practice,* Early Years of Litigation Practice,Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, May 2004.

*Ethics and Professional Liability Issues – Plaintiff Perspective,* Ethics Seminar*,* Washington Defense Trial Lawyers Association, November 2001.

*Litigation Techniques Involving Confidential Records,* Law of Confidential Records*,* Washington Law Institute, April 2000.

*Litigation Techniques Involving Confidential Records,* *Law of Confidential Records,* Washington Law Institute, May 1999.

Panelist*, Ethics and Professionalism in Civil Practice in the Western District of Washington*, Washington Federal Bar Association, December 1997.

*Referral Fees and Fee Splitting: What are the rules and how do you comply with them*?, Ethical Issues in the Plaintiff’s Personal Injury Practice, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, December 1997.

*Insurance Law*, Annual Convention, East King County Support Professionals, May 1996.

*Creative Use of Class Actions for Mass Torts: Post-mortem on the Jack-in-the Box Litigation*, Luvera Seminar, WSTLA Annual Meeting, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, July 1996.

*Fee Divisions: Practice and Ethics*, Luvera Seminar, WSTLA Annual Meeting and Convention, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, August 1997.

*How to Hire and Work With a Lawyer,* Bainbridge Island Peoples Law School, April 1995.

*Setting-up a System That Works,* Auto Cases: Nuts and Bolts*,* Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, April 1994.

*Personal Injury and Professional Liability Law,* Bainbridge Island Peoples Law School, March 1994.

*Handling Fee Disputes Without Being Sued,* How To Avoid Legal Malpractice and Its Three Ugly Siblings: CR 11 Sanctions, Bar Complaints and Fee Disputes*,* Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, February 1992.

*Handling the Personal Injury Case*, The Attorney-Paralegal Team, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, August 1991.

*Effective Use of Legal Assistants and Standard Forms in Handling the Auto Case,* Auto Cases: Winning Is No Accident, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, April 1991.

*Ethical and Malpractice Pitfalls for the Sole Practitioner,* Setting Up Your Own Law Office, Seattle-King County Bar Association, April 1990.

*Legal Malpractice in Washington: Plaintiff’s Perspective,* Bringing a Legal Malpractice Action, Seattle-King County Bar Association, October 1989.

*Plaintiff’s Pretrial Motions,* Demonstration of an Automobile Collision Trial, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, March 1988.

*Considerations in Bringing and Proving a Legal Malpractice Claim,* Prosecuting, Defending, and Avoiding Malpractice Claims, University of Washington Law School Foundation, October 1987.

*The Money Trap: Fee Agreements, Fee Disputes, Fee Ethics,* Malpractice Traps for the Unwary, Seattle-King County Bar Association, May 1987.

*Mandatory Arbitration of Dissolution Modification,* Family Law Section WSBA Annual Meeting Seminar, Washington State Bar Association, September 1985.

*Settlement of Insured Claims Against Attorneys: Policy Provisions; Disputes Between Insurer and Insured; “Bad Faith,”* Legal Malpractice, Washington State Bar Association, April 1985.

*File Organization: Keeping Track of the Information,* Preparation and Trial of a Personal Injury Case, Seattle-King County Bar Association, April 1984.

*Malpractice and Ethical Complaints: Staying Out of Trouble and What Happens When You Don’t,* Lawyers’ Ethics - Honesty is Not Enough, Seattle‑King County Bar Association, July 1983.

*File Organization: Keeping Track of the Information,* Preparation and Trial of Personal Injury Cases, Seattle-King County Bar Association, February 1983.

*Closures of Courtroom to Media,* Regional Seminar, Bench-Bar-Press Committee of Washington, 1980.

*Attorney Discipline,* Legal Malpractice, Washington State Bar Association, July and August 1980.