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- Education** **University of Oregon School of Law, Eugene, Oregon**
J.D., May 2001, *emphasis in* Special Education Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution
- 30-hour Basic Mediation Training
 - Admissions Committee (1999-2001)
 - Academic Standing Committee (2000)
 - Director, Women's Law Forum (1999-2000)
 - Women's Law Forum's 2001 Anna E. Wood Award Recipient
 - 2001 National Association of Women Lawyers Award Recipient

- Washington State University, Pullman, Washington**
B. A., May 1995, *cum laude*, K-8 Elementary Education, K-12 Special Education
Endorsement, State of Washington Teaching Certificate
- President's Honor Roll
 - Golden Key National Honor Society
 - Order of Omega Honor Society
 - Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society
 - Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship Recipient
 - Mortar Board Honor Society

- Experience** **Washington State University - Tri-Cities, Department of Teaching and Learning**
Adjunct Assistant Professor
Richland, Washington; May 2002 to Present
Coordinate on-campus endorsement program and advise students of Special Education
Endorsement requirements. Instruct and evaluate undergraduate and graduate students in
the areas of special education law, IEP development, curriculum planning for students
with disabilities, behavior management of students with disabilities, working with
students with severe disabilities, assessment and program development of students with
disabilities, and inclusive education. Placement and supervision of students in special
education practicum experiences.

- University of Oregon, College of Education, Department of Special Education**
Graduate Teaching Fellow, Curriculum Development
Eugene, Oregon; April 2001 to June 2001
Developed hypothetical problems and sample answers for Law and Special Education
course involving issues arising in Special Education, based on current special education
law (statutes, regulations and case law).

Experience **University of Oregon, College of Education, Specialized Training Program**
(continued) *Graduate Teaching Fellow, Practicum Supervisor*
Eugene, Oregon; September 1999 to March 2001
Observed practicum students weekly in their teaching roles and provided feedback.
Assisted practicum students with problem solving and curriculum planning.
Communicated with cooperating classroom professionals regarding students' progress
and needs. Modeled appropriate instruction techniques when necessary.

Mary E. Broadhurst, Attorney at Law
Law Clerk
Eugene, Oregon; May 1999 to March 2001
Researched legal issues in Special Education law. Assisted with legal writing projects.
Performed various office tasks.

Brigadoon Elementary
Special Education Teacher, Resource Room
Federal Way, Washington; September 1997 to June 1998
Designed, implemented, and monitored individualized academic programs for 40+
students with mild to severe disabilities. Directed and supervised a staff of two
Educational Assistants. Worked cooperatively with a large team including
Speech/Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, Psychologist, Nurse, Program
Specialist, and School Counselor to implement student programs. Served on Building
Intervention Team and Brigadoon Multi Disciplinary Team. Served as Brigadoon Safety
Patrol Advisor.

Briarwood Elementary
Special Education Teacher, Self-Contained
Issaquah, Washington; September 1995 to June 1997
Designed, implemented, and monitored individualized academic programs for five non-
verbal children with severe disabilities including four with Autism in a specialized self-
contained classroom. Directed and supervised a staff of five Educational Assistants.
Worked cooperatively with a large multidisciplinary team. Served as Team Leader for
Briarwood's self-contained program.

Professional **Washington State's Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)**
Activities **Steering Committee, Member, 2005 to 2007**
Participated in revision of the Washington Administrative Code's (WACs) special
education regulations.

Council for Exceptional Children, Member, 2006 to present