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EMPLOYMENT

Devlin Law, P.C. (formerly Rosenthal Greene & Devlin, P.C.), Portland, OR

Partner, 2010-Present; *Associate*, 2006-2010

- Litigated civil rights, medical negligence, and serious injury cases at a small plaintiff's law firm, with a primary focus on civil rights cases
- Representative civil rights cases
 - Won a \$2,000,000 jury verdict (plus \$300,000 in attorney fees) against the State of Oregon on behalf of a child who was abused by his foster parents
 - Negotiated an \$800,000 settlement for the family of a man who died in a jail after not receiving proper mental health care
 - Won a \$101,500 jury verdict against Clackamas County on behalf of a woman who was falsely imprisoned for 25 hours and successfully defended the verdict before the Oregon Court of Appeals (Fossen v. Clackamas County, 352 P.3d 1289 (Or. Ct. App. 2015))
 - Worked with co-counsel to win a \$30,000 jury verdict (plus \$295,000 in attorney fees) against a police officer who fabricated evidence to make an arrest
 - Negotiated numerous confidential settlements in civil rights cases involving private contractors
 - Worked with co-counsel to defeat extensive motions for summary judgment in complex civil rights cases (Paris v. Conmed Healthcare Management, Inc., No. 6:14-CV-01620-TC, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 216852 (D. Or. Nov. 28, 2017); Johnson v. Corizon Health, Inc., No. 6:13-CV-01855-TC, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 44638 (D. Or. Apr. 6, 2015))
- Representative medical negligence and serious injury cases
 - Worked with co-counsel to negotiate a \$1,350,000 settlement for the families of two women killed by a drunk driver who was overserved at a local bar
 - Won a \$537,176.45 jury verdict against a local hospital system on behalf of a woman who suffered a nerve injury during a blood draw
 - Negotiated numerous confidential settlements in medical negligence and serious injury cases

Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, Portland, OR

Deputy District Attorney, 2005-2006

- Tried approximately 50 felony and misdemeanor cases, split evenly between jury trials and bench trials
- Presented felony cases to grand jury

Shea & Gardner (now Goodwin Procter), Washington, DC

Associate, 2000-2004

- Worked on litigation in wide variety of subject areas, including mass torts, contract disputes, employment discrimination, administrative law, intellectual property and bankruptcy
- Coordinated nationwide mass tort litigation and supervised local counsel
- Won disability benefits for HIV-positive client (*pro bono* representation)

MacArthur Justice Center, Chicago, IL

Student member, 1997-98

- Represented inmate at parole hearing
- Researched access to forensic evidence for innocence claim
- Helped draft tort lawsuit against gun manufacturers and sellers

Covington & Burling, Washington, DC

Paralegal, 1993-1995

- Assisted attorneys with various aspects of litigation, including review and organization of documents and preparation for depositions and trials
- Cite-checked briefs and other court filings
- Worked on team that filed successful appeal for person on Alabama's death row (*pro bono* representation)

CLERKSHIPS

Honorable Shira Scheindlin, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, New York, NY

Law Clerk, 1999-2000

- Drafted opinions
- Worked with another law clerk to manage cases on docket
- Assisted judge with court appearances, including jury trials and bench trials

Honorable Ed Carnes, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, Montgomery, AL

Law Clerk, 1998-1999

- Drafted opinions
- Wrote bench memoranda to help judge prepare for oral arguments
- Assisted judge, who was sitting as a district judge, during criminal jury trial

HONORS

Oregon Super Lawyers, 2014-2020 (only attorney listed in Civil Rights practice area)

U.S. News – Best Lawyers, 2016-2020 (for Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs)

EDUCATION

University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL

- J.D., with Honors, 1998
- *Staff Member*, University of Chicago Law Review, 1996-98
- *Comment Editor*, University of Chicago Legal Roundtable, 1997-98
- *Staff Member*, University of Chicago Legal Forum, 1997-98
- Published comment: “Genetics and Justice: An Indigent Defendant’s Right to DNA Expert Assistance,” 1998 U. Chi. Legal F. 395

Haverford College, Haverford, PA

- B.A., *magna cum laude*, with Honors in Political Science, 1993
- Honor Council: *Chair*, 1992; *Member*, 1990-1991

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Oregon Trial Lawyers Association Civil Rights Section

Chair, 2017-Present

Oregon Trial Lawyers Association Board of Governors

Member, 2014-2016

Oregon State Bar Committee on Uniform Civil Jury Instructions

Chair, 2015; *Member*, 2013-2014

CLE Instructor/Lecturer

- Taught Trial Lawyer Academy 201 (intensive trial practice course for members of the Oregon Trial Lawyers Association)
- Lecture frequently for Oregon Trial Lawyers Association and other organizations on trial technique and litigation strategy

Portland Homeless Family Solutions

- *Board Member*, 2017-Present
- Organize annual fundraising drive to purchase backpacks and school supplies for children experiencing homelessness – 406 backpacks provided in the last five years