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EMPLOYMENT

Coats Palash LLP - Partner - Family Law Practice
Pierson, Coats, Palash & Paul, LLP - 1997 - 2021

CERTIFICATION

State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization – Family Law

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES – FAMILY LAW

State Bar of California - Family Law Section

1995 - 1996 Chair
1994 Vice-Chair
1994 CLE Chair
1993 Secretary
1992 - 1995 Executive Board Member

American Bar Association - Family Law Section

1997 - 2003 - Executive Governing Council Member
1995 - 1997 - Chair - 1997 annual Meeting Host Committee
1995 - 1998 - Pro Bono Committee Chair
1988 - 1995 - Family Law Practitioner's Committee Chair

Kids' Turn

1999 - 2001 - Board President
1997 - 2002 - Board of Directors

Collaborative Practice San Francisco

1998 - 2000 - Founding Board Member
2012 – 2015 – Board Member

Collaborative Practice Marin

2016 – 2018 – Co-President
2011 – 2021 – Board Member

Bar Association of San Francisco

1988 - Chair - Family Law Section

1986 - 1989 - Executive Committee Chair for State Bar Conference of Delegates Family Law Team - authored original draft of Civil Code Section 4515

1987 - Chair - Barristers Club Family Law Committee

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Bar Association of San Francisco

1990 - 1991 - Board of Directors

1989 - 1992 - Judicial Review Committee

1988 - 1998 - Arbitrator - Fee Dispute Panel

1985 - 1989 - Executive Committee for State Bar Conference of Delegates

1986 - President - Barristers Club

1984 - 1986 - Barristers Club, Board of Directors

1982 - 1984 - CLE Chair

State Bar of California

California Young Lawyers Association

1987 - 1990 - Board of Directors

1988 - 1990 - CLE Chair

American Bar Association

Young Lawyers Division

1985-1987- Assembly Delegate

1986 Host Committee

PUBLICATIONS

ABA Barrister Magazine - "Discovery in Complex Family Law Dissolution Cases" Summer – 1989

CEB Action Guide - "Planning and Conducting Family Law Discovery" Spring - 1993, 2 Volume Set

ABA Family Advocate Magazine - "Maintaining a High Volume Practice" - Fall, 1994

CEB and Matthew/Bender - Consultant to various Family Law publications

HONORS

Martindale-Hubbell – AV Preeminent Rating
Northern California Super Lawyer

SPEAKER

Numerous presentations at local, state, and national conferences.