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If you were in my office, you'd ... be surprised at how messy it is.

When I was a newbie lawyer I ... once went to ex parte at the wrong court—the judge granted my motion before the clerk could interject. I had to make another trip the next day to the correct county courthouse, where the judge also granted my motion.

If I weren't a lawyer, I'd be ... a psychologist involved in behavioral economics, like Daniel Kahneman.

I almost quit the law because ... I don't get fed fancy lunches every day.

The SCOTUS decision I'd most like to overturn is ... Citizens United v FFC

A different practice area that intrigues me is ... tax law. It follows you to your death.

My favorite Twitter feed is ... @existentialcoms. Philosophy made funny.

I can't believe more people haven't read ... José Saramago. Blindness is a good one to try if you haven't read his novels.

My favorite TED talk is ... Roman Mars' "Why city flags may be the worst designed thing you've never noticed."

My favorite meal is ... Korean BBQ.

I get angry when ... I haven't eaten enough all day (otherwise known as hangry).

If I had a time machine, I would ... go back and buy bitcoins in 2010 and sell some in early December 2017.

My guilty pleasure is ... binge-watching shows on Netflix while simultaneously reading the spoilers on my phone.

The last TV show I binge-watched was ... The Crown. I couldn't help Googling the events depicted for historical accuracy. Or inaccuracy.

Nothing cheers me up like ... ice cream. My go-to flavor is Salt & Straw's almond brittle.

If I won the lottery I'd ... buy places in Tokyo, Sydney, Lisbon and Berlin.

My favorite podcast is ... "99% Invisible."

My favorite news source is ... The Economist. Love the writing style.

The app I use the most is ... Weather Underground. I like to be prepared.

Living or dead, I would most like to have a drink with ... Franz Kafka.

I collect ... Mr. Men and Little Miss books by Roger Hargreaves—reminiscent of my childhood.

The question I'm tired of answering is ... It's a tie between "Are you a law student?" and "Where are you from?"—in which the questioner is inquiring about my ethnicity and assumes I'm not from this country. Ask a better question. Or better yet, why not stop asking that question?



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'Leave Things Better'

Joshua Stadtler's pro bono work stems from the Jewish tenet Tikkun Olam

BY C.A. HUDAK

Joshua D. Stadtler's first pro bono client was a combat veteran named Kevin who grew up in Daly City, just south of San Francisco, where Stadtler was raised. The two men are roughly the same age.

But, says Stadtler, "our lives diverged in significant ways. ... Kevin had been in numerous combat situations and had seen things, horrible things, that no young person—or any person, really—should have to see. It had clearly impacted him in ways that anyone outside of that context would have a difficult time understanding."

Kevin didn't complain about it, Stadtler says. He maintained a positive outlook. But he was having trouble navigating the byzantine world of the Veterans Benefits Administration. That's where Stadtler came in. Working with the Wounded Warrior Project, Stadtler helped Kevin obtain his combat-related benefits.

That was in 2011. "It was a reminder of the good fortune I have enjoyed," Stadtler says, "and the importance of remaining of service."

Being of service is fundamental to Stadtler's life. He grew up in a family that observed the Jewish tenet of Tikkun Olam.



"He was always involved with the community," says Stadtler of his father, "volunteering his time to causes that were meaningful to him, helping those who were less well-off."

"It's a Hebrew phrase that loosely translates as 'heal the world' but really means something more like 'give to those around you' or 'leave things better than how you find them," he says. His father, an accountant, set the example. "He was always involved with the community, volunteering his time to causes that were meaningful to him, helping those who were less well-off. As silly as it sounds, I grew up in awe of what he was able to accomplish and the impact he seemed to have on others."

Stadtler wasted no time embracing that tradition. Before he went to UC Hastings College of the Law, he joined the Peace Corps and spent half a year teaching in primary schools in South Africa. "You would be hard-pressed to find people anywhere who are more genuine and heartfelt in their interactions with others," he says. "It was pretty darn easy to find community there."

Now in his eighth year of practice, Stadtler chairs the pro bono committee at Dunn Carney, where he made partner in 2017. He also manages his firm's participation in a monthly night clinic: assisting indigent clients with legal matters from landlord-tenant disputes to trust and estate issues. In his personal pro bono practice, Stadtler represents clients affected by domestic violence.

Stadtler and his colleagues at Dunn Carney recently helped a client who arrived in the U.S. decades ago without sufficient legal documentation. The Mexican national and his U.S.-born wife sought an extreme hardship waiver from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Last spring, after four years and more than 200 pro bono hours, and amid virulent anti-immigrant sentiment, the waiver was finally granted, and he was officially processed last fall. "It was a big relief," Stadtler says.

His work hasn't gone unnoticed. In 2015, the Multnomah Bar Association honored Stadtler with its Michael E. Haglund Pro Bono Award. It took him by surprise, and he remains somewhat abashed by it. Pro bono work, he says, "is not something I got involved in for any kind of recognition."

He believes every lawyer has the time to take on at least one pro bono matter a year. It's not only good for the community but for the lawyer. "You'll do a better job connecting with your clients if you have a regular pro bono practice," he says. "Pro bono work is a lot more raw. People are depending on you, in a visceral way, to help them out."



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Faster Each Year

As peers retire, Kelly Andersen climbs and cycles mountains By Andrew ENGELSON



Kelly L. Andersen ANDERSEN MORSE & **LINTHORST** PERSONAL INJURY-**PLAINTIFF** MEDFORD

Though Medford attorney Kelly Andersen has always loved the outdoors, he saved his biggest challenge climbing 23,830-foot Aconcagua in Argentina—for later in life.

Age 64, to be precise.

That trip with his oldest son Drew is one of many mountaineering expeditions Andersen has embarked on with family members. It began in 1998 with Mount Shasta when Drew was 17. The peaks he's climbed with four of his six children include Mount Whitney in California, Rainier in Washington and Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.

But Aconcagua was on a completely different scale. The Western Hemisphere's highest peak, it requires a 16-day expedition. Because you have to shuttle gear up in stages, you essentially have to climb the mountain twice. At one point, inside his tent at 19,600 feet after a blizzard had passed, Andersen tried to eat something: "I ripped apart a piece of jerky," he remembers, "and just the act of chewing would leave me breathless."

Andersen grew up on a ranch in Huntington, Utah, a town of just 900. "When I was a child," Andersen says, "we herded cattle on horseback in the Manti-La Sal National Forest in Utah. That was always so beautiful; it gave me a love of the outdoors."

Upon receiving his J.D. from Brigham Young University, he took the advice of a friend and moved to Klamath Falls in 1979. After a short stint, he moved to Medford and never left. For many years, he shared a practice with Dennis Richardson, the current Oregon secretary of state; in 1993 he formed his own firm.

Early in his career he was drawn to personal injury cases because of the one-on-one interaction. "A personal injury case really comes down to the most basic human level," he says. "I love working with people and making a significant change in their lives."

Living near the Siskiyou Mountains provides necessary relief from the rigors of law. "One of the ways I've been able to stay fresh," Andersen says, "is having a healthy balance between the practice of law and being out in nature. I try to work out at least an hour a day, six days a week. I feel that I'm a better attorney because I climb mountains, ride bicycles and ride horses."

A runner in his 40s, Andersen took to cycling in his 50s. Now he pedals in numerous group events in the Cascades and Rockies each year—including three times on the LoToJa, a 200-mile ride from Logan, Utah to Jackson, Wyoming. It was during one of these rides that he realized age didn't need to slow him down. On a rest break, Andersen chatted with a fellow cyclist who was 67 years old. "He said he'd only started cycling in his early 60s," Andersen recalls. "I told him: I bet you're just getting slower each year. And he replied: Well, actually, I'm getting faster each year."

This determination to improve with each passing year led him to tackle Aconcagua with Drew in 2017. Accompanied by two guides and three other climbers, he, his son and another friend took the peak in stages, leapfrogging gear up to a higher level and then returning to sleep and rest. Water bottles had to be placed in insulators and then kept inside their thick down sleeping bags to avoid freezing overnight. "We had these beautiful views of glaciers below us," Andersen says, "and the joy of doing something really, really difficult."

That difficulty included carrying heavy packs over snowfields pocked with uneven 2-foot needles of ice called *penitentes*. After a grueling trek through two fields of these obstacles, Andersen stumbled and nearly fell into a deep ravine. But his son grabbed him by the pack and pulled him from the edge. "It was a tender moment," Andersen says, "realizing that for years you raise your kids, and then at some point, your kids are taking care of you.

On the final push to the summit, at about 20,000 feet, Drew blacked out, suffering from high altitude



Andersen's son, Drew (right), signaling he's OK the day after blacking out at 20,000 feet on Aconcagua in Argentina.



Andersen and his son, Jesse, summitting Mount Shasta in California.

cerebral edema, a potentially fatal altitude sickness. Now it was Andersen's turn to help. He and one of the guides descended with Drew, and just 400 feet of lower altitude improved his son's condition immediately. "He was laughing and joking right away," Andersen remembers.

Even though they didn't summit, the trip was a lifechanging experience, and Andersen wants to return to Argentina to try again. He's also contemplating ascending Denali, North America's highest peak.

"When you're climbing a mountain," he observes, "it's so easy to just sit down, to turn around and go back. Because it isn't fun in the moment. It's just brutal. But you just keep putting one foot ahead of the next, and don't give up. And that has application anywhere in life." 🕦



Kelly Andersen's favorite cycling events in the PNW

- Seattle to Portland (STP): A 200-mile ride, best done in one day.
- · Crater Lake Century: From Fort Klamath, it ascends and circumvents the rim of Crater Lake.
- **Tour de Fronds:** This route begins in Powers and features 115 miles of beautiful mountain vistas and 11,000 feet of vertical climbing.
- The Wildcat Gran Fondo. A 129-mile ride ascends the mountains near Mount Lassen, California.







"This work" turned out to involve the South Waterfront Central District, a parcel of land running alongside the Willamette River south of downtown. It was owned by Williams & Dame Development, the firm that transformed a Portland warehouse district into the Pearl in the 1990s, as well as Oregon Health & Sciences University. Alexander's task: navigate the legalities of acquiring and developing the waterfront property in partnership with the city of Portland.

"When we started, there was nothing," says Alexander, now a founding partner at Radler White Parks & Alexander. "Which is great for a real estate lawyer. You get to do everything. You get to acquire land. My colleague Christy White rewrote code down there to allow for the height and the density that exists today. We negotiated to move regional transmission lines that ran diagonally across the middle of the district; we undergrounded them and got them out of the way. We built parks and greenways and the tram; the streetcar line was extended."

She adds: "Public-private partnership work is a sort of niche I have now. I spent 10 years of my life [on South Waterfront]. It's really what made my career."

More than just South Waterfront, Alexander has been a key part of Portland's recent growth. Since 1990, the population in the metro area has grown by nearly 60 percent from 1.5 million to 2.4 million. In the last five years, the median home price has almost doubled, with some neighborhoods seeing home prices triple. A commercial construction boom that stalled during the global financial meltdown has more than made up ground. Cranes dominate the landscape.

Asked whether she needs to be some combination of lawyer-banker-stateswomanpsychotherapist to be effective at what she does, Alexander laughs. "Definitely. It's what makes those deals challenging," she says. "It's also, in my opinion, what makes them interesting and fun."

TALL AND RANGY AT 48, Alexander grew up in Salem. Even though her father was a plaintiff's attorney, she didn't know she wanted to be a lawyer until college.

"I grew up around litigators—and who you typically see in TV and movies are litigators," she says. "[But] in law school I became very interested in: What are these business leaders up to?"

After attending Willamette University College of Law on an "almost full scholarship,"



Alexander with her grey mare, Zora, at Templeton Esqestrian Center in Beavercreek, where she keeps two horses and rides once or twice a week.

Alexander became a real estate associate at Bogle & Gates in Seattle in 1996—a time when tech giants Google and Amazon were remaking the idea of the physical workspace. She later moved to San Francisco, in part because of a relationship, and ended up at Cooley Godward, a multinational firm that has been integral to the building of Silicon Valley.

The South Waterfront project was not without hiccups. The cost for the aerial tram, for example, was more expensive than estimated. "We had to renegotiate the funding and finance a couple of times [with the city]," she says. Then, of course, the real estate market collapsed on the back of subprime mortgage loans. Entire floors of the new skyscrapers sat empty.

"I don't think any of us quite anticipated anything like 2008 and just the magnitude of the impact on real estate," she says. "People definitely saw we were in an overheated condo-building cycle, that a lot of money deals were moving fast and furiously. But did we see that Lehman Brothers would go bankrupt? I didn't."

During the downturn, Alexander made the most of what opportunities there were. She worked with developers working with foreign investors, many from China, who were interested in commercial investment in exchange for the possibility of obtaining EB-5 visas. She helped people with access to liquid cash get into properties at a much lower cost.

She also developed relationships with those who dreamed big dreams.

In 2007, Merritt Paulson—coincidentally, the son of Hank Paulson, treasury secretary during the economic crisis—bought Portland's minor league baseball team, which he sold in 2010. He then went after soccer. Needing a venue, he appealed to the city council to approve the funds to renovate the old Triple-A baseball stadium, PGE Park. Alexander and Steve Janik represented the city of Portland in the \$31 million redevelopment of what became Providence Park—now home to both soccer teams: the Timbers and the Thorns.

"We did the Timbers deal in 2009, when Merritt got the franchise, and then the Thorns came in 2013," says Alexander, who recently put together a \$55 million expansion of the stadium. "I mean, the Thorns are the most popular women's sports team in the world."

The enthusiasm reflects an influx of young people into Portland, where the median age is 36. Yet because housing has not kept pace with population, the rental market has become tight, and expensive. There are growing pains.

"Portland has just changed so much, especially in the last five years," says Alexander. "We have a city that rightly is focused on some equity issues that are serious societal and community issues, but it's put a lot of pressure on the development community in particular when you're talking about affordable housing."

Attempts have been made. On Feb. 1, 2017, the city of Portland implemented rules for its Inclusionary Housing Zoning Code Project, mandating that a percentage of units in new or substantially altered construction must qualify as affordable housing. It didn't work as planned.

"There was a rush to the Bureau of Development Services, for everyone to get their permits in before February 1st of last year, so they were vested pre-IZ," says Alexander. "So you have thousands of units that are permitted but were not subject to the affordable housing goals. And one year since the affordable housing regulations went into effect, there are projects permitted that will deliver 89 affordable housing units, total, and none in the central city. The development community can't get the numbers to pencil out except outside of the central city, in smaller, lower-density projects."

Other cities have found ways to make inclusionary zoning work. "It might be a place where rents are so high that non-affordable units can subsidize the affordable units, [such as] New York City," she says. "You have other places where they've given density bonuses. ... They're saying: 'You would've only been able to build 150 feet; now we're going to let you build to 250 feet.' You get economies of scale, and you can build more units. You can then make the affordability."

It's almost a Catch-22. People flock to Portland because of its natural beauty but their very numbers could block it out. As a result, verticality is often opposed by neighborhood associations that want to keep unimpeded views of Mount Hood and the Willamette River.

"People want historic preservation, lower densities, and yet we're trying to solve serious problems around affordability of housing and homelessness," Alexander says. "We're at this inflection point where we need more density in the city, yet there are a bunch of people who don't want to see that continued growth. The city is in the process of putting into effect a new comprehensive plan, some of that actually is downzoning property in the city—taking height away."

Alexander reached her own inflection point in 2012 as Ball Janik continued to shift toward construction defect litigation. "I've never done any litigation," says Alexander, who, along with three other partners, left Ball Janik to form their current firm. The timing was excellent. Developers who had taken baths during the global financial meltdown were starting to think they might survive.

"I met Dina when we were coming out of the recession and have been working with her ever since," says Liam Thornton, executive vice-president for the global entertainment company Live Nation Entertainment. Thornton's projects with Alexander include several mixed-use projects in the central city. "She brings both breadth and depth, which is unusual. She also has really good anticipatory skills. So if I'm going the wrong way on something, she can tell me. With diplomacy."

He also sees her as uniquely qualified to handle Portland's current dilemma.

"People are speaking two different languages, right?" he says. "Dina's strength is that she gets both sides to trust her, even if they disagree. Even contentious parties can get to the same conclusion when the lawyer brokering has the trust of both sides. That's Dina."

ALEXANDER OFTEN GAINS PERSPECTIVE

on Portland by getting out of it. Recent trips include trekking for mountain gorillas in Rwanda and riding horses on a ranch in Montana. And recalling the dynamism of other cities in which she's worked helps her see what Portland is, isn't, and what it can become.

"It would be wonderful to have much greater diversity in Portland, as well as the state as a whole," she says.

She adds, "I've been back in the city for a decent amount of time and even I sometimes feel nostalgic for some of the parts of Portland that are changing." But she's also pragmatic.

"If there are companies and job opportunities, growth is going to continue," she says. "It's inevitable—without making a judgment of whether it's good or bad or indifferent. It just is. And we have to be smart about it."

Here are a few spots where Alexander takes out-of-towners:

- "There are a lot of really great eats in Portland, especially on the East Side. We hit various spots like ¿Por Qué No? and Bollywood Theater."
- "I sometimes bring people to ride my horses," says Alexander, who in 2014 went on a weeklong horseback safari in Botswana. She now keeps a Palomino quarter horse and Andalusian Friesian south of Portland. "I had a friend visiting from Kenya. He said, 'I've taken people on safari in Kenya. It's interesting to see how people do it here."
- "I almost always take people to ride the tram from South Waterfront up to Marquam Hill. The views are so beautiful. Portland does not have iconic architecture: There's no Empire State Building, no Sears Tower. We are more about creating neighborhoods—and we have great neighborhoods: the Pearl, Sellwood, Mississippi [Avenue]. We have great senses of place. These are still what make Portland special."







The Least Bad Choice

Health care attorney Eric Neiman fears the legal implications of Volk v. DeMeerleer AS TOLD TO TREVOR KUPFER



Eric J. Neiman **LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH HEALTH CARE PORTLAND**

About half of my practice is behavioral health law, where I represent providers of treatment for mental illness and substance abuse. It sounds kind of dry, but in the middle of an opioid epidemic it's a really big thing.

Lately, I've also been working on a lot of duty-towarn issues.

The Washington Supreme Court, in December 2016, decided a case [Volk v. DeMeerleer] in which it said a psychiatrist could be liable for a patient's violent acts toward other people. It sounds like it could maybe make sense, but the fact pattern was that the psychiatrist hadn't seen the patient for three months and at the last visit, the patient expressed nothing negative about his former girlfriend. It represented a big expansion in liability to mental health providers. But, really, it has implications for any kind of health care provider.

Say you have a lot of people who come into hospital emergency systems with troubling thoughts that they're never going to act on. The guestion is, what does a provider do about that? Volk v. DeMeerleer was a game-changer. In fact, when it was before the court, there was an editorial in The New York Times urging it not to reach the decision it ultimately did.

The Volk decision doesn't give any guidance on what to warn about, when, to whom and what would cause it. We're talking about the inherent unpredictability of somebody doing something violent to themselves or others. Much of the discussion has been, 'Are health care professionals now going to over-report out of fear of liability, and will that drive people away from treatment?' They seek help for troubled thoughts, and what they get back is not help, but their secret is publicized. Some people have been studying that, but the data sample is small. It's hard to assess the impact until there's more litigation and trial outcomes.

The big-ticket item associated with this is mass shootings. You've got a lot of perpetrators—like Adam Lanza—who had been seeking mental health treatment. The question is: Does every mass shooting, or every individual act of violence, turn into a lawsuit against a health provider who saw the patient, and, in hindsight, could have done something?

It's very difficult to do any kind of training in that scenario. I've written and spoken about this, and people have said, "What's your advice [on how not to get sued]?" I don't have any great advice, except make sure your documentation is good and don't practice defensively. I'd like to say there's an algorithm you can provide to a health professional and say, "If you follow this, you can't get sued." There isn't. It's hard to give people advice other than, "Keep doing what you're doing; we're just going to have to try some cases before juries." I don't think they like that answer, but I really think that's what's going to have to happen. We have to see what the community thinks about the profession's ability to predict violence.

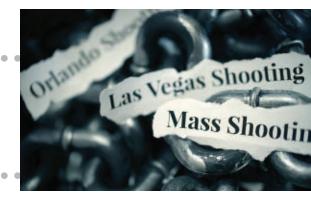
Usually I listen to the facts of the case and consider things like what it's going to do to the patient's treatment plan to break confidentiality. Is that worse, and driving them out of treatment to cause another or a bigger kind of risk? The reality is that it's very difficult to predict violence.

The way I always frame it is: What's the least bad choice?

I'm also seeing more litigation against doctors for patients getting addicted to pain killers, and against mental health providers for not preventing suicides. Those cases were traditionally thought to not be [winners]. With drugs, the thinking was you're making a choice. But now the tobacco model is more prevalent—that you're a victim of an addiction disorder.

There's going to be more litigation in these areas. Expect it, because we're starting to see it.

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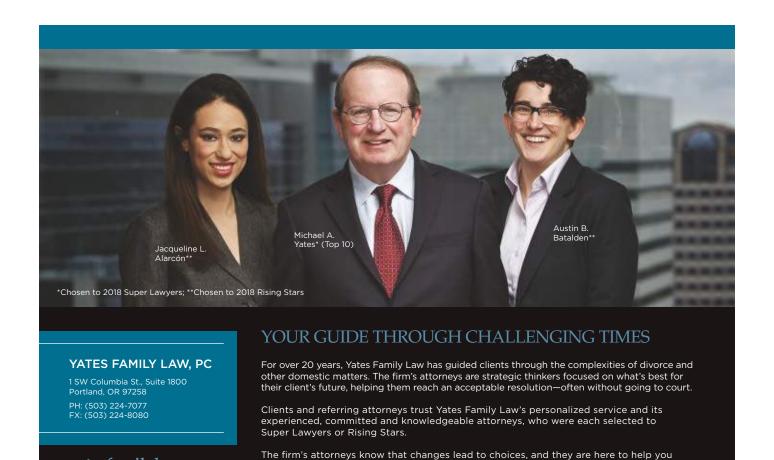
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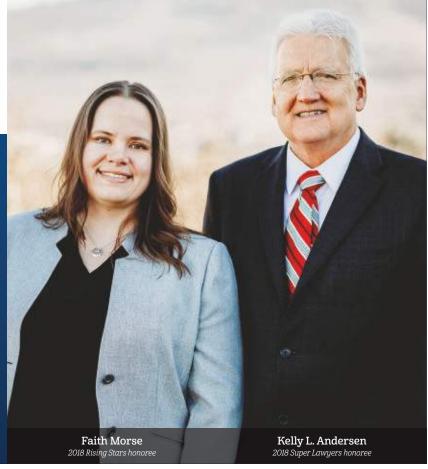
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Keith is focused on maintaining a high ethical standard while continuing to earn the respect of lawyers, judges and members of the public. Each potential client's case is carefully evaluated to ensure that it has merit before Keith gets involved. He only represents honest individuals who sincerely need the help of our legal system. Keith maintains a streamlined, efficient practice and prefers to represent no more than 15 to 20 clients at any time, to avoid the impersonal feel often associated with larger law firms. He is committed to giving each client the time and care that their particular case needs and deserves. Keith contracts with reputable investigators, engineers, and medical $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1$ professionals to ensure each case will be properly evaluated and ready for trial if necessary.

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EMPLOYMENT LITIGATION: PLAINTIFF CIVIL RIGHTS

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