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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

River and Range Law, PLLC, Bozeman, MT

- Partner – 2016 – Present
- Representing water users and property owners including, individuals, farm and ranch entities, developers, municipalities, homeowner’s associations, water and sewer districts, and ditch and canal companies in litigation in front of the Montana Water Court and Montana District Courts
- Representing water users in proceedings involving the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and Department of Environmental Quality
- Providing water right due diligence for buyers and sellers of large and small properties including farms and ranches

Water Adjudication Advisory Committee, Montana Water Court

- Member – 2023-present

Montana Water Law Section of the Montana State Bar

- Chair – 2020-2021
- Council 2021-present

Montana Water Court, Bozeman, MT

- Water Master – 2011-2015
- Clerk to Chief Water Judge C. Bruce Loble – 2010-2011
- Worked Under Chief Water Judge C. Bruce Loble, Chief Water Judge Russ McElyea, and Associate Water Judge Douglas Ritter

Foust Law, PLLC, Bozeman, MT

- Associate Attorney - 2009-2010
- Plaintiff’s Litigation in State District Court and United States District Court, District of Montana

EDUCATION

Alexander Blewett III School of Law, University of Montana, Missoula, MT

- Juris Doctor – 2009
- Carol Mitchell Award in recognition of an understanding of and commitment to mediation and the excellence in the study and practice of alternative dispute resolution - 2009
- Equal Justice Award in recognition of a commitment to equal justice – 2008 & 2009
- Fran Elge Award, honoring women lawyers dedicated to issues affecting women - 2009
- Brief Writer/Intern, Smith & Stephens P.C.; Intern, Montana Legal Services Association

University of Puget Sound, Tacoma WA

- Bachelor of Fine Arts - 2004
- Civica Scuola Di Musica Claudio Abbado – Milan Italy 2002

Central Catholic High School, Billings, MT - 2000

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Buying and Selling Farms and Ranches

- *Water Rights Due Diligence* – 2017, 2024

Annual Montana Water Law Seminar

- *Strategies for Notice of Intent to Appear* - 2023
- *Montana Water Court Case Law on Self-Represented Litigants* - 2022
- *Updates to Rules of Ethics* - 2018
- *Mediations at the Water Court* - 2016

Big Sky Watershed Corp.

- *Water Rights in Montana* - 2017

Bozeman Public Library

- *Water Rights 101*- 2016

Montana Lawyer

- *Reexamination of Historical Water Rights and Second Decrees in Montana* – 2016

Montana Trial Lawyers Association

- *Medicare Set Asides*– 2010

SELECTED CASES IN PRACTICE

Parrot Ditch Co. v. Norman Ashcraft,; Courtney O. Duchin; Charles M. Miller; Patty A. Miller, Supreme Court No. DA 23-0712 decision pending. (Representing Notice of Intent to Appear Rafanelli Partners LLLP)

Trout Unlimited, Inc. v. Mont. Water Ct., 2022 Mont. Lexis 676, 410 Mont. 538, 517 P.3d 884. (Representing Notice of Intent to Appear City of Three Forks in Trout Unlimited, Inc.'s Request for Supervisory Control)

In re E. Bench Irrigation Dist., 2021 MT 319, 2406 Mont. 502, 501 P.3d 380. (Representing Intervenor/ Appellees Clark Canyon Water Supply Company shareholders)

United States (Dep't of Army Corps of Eng'rs) v. United States (Dep't of Army Corps of Eng'rs), 2019 MT 174, 396 Mont. 433, 445 P.3d 828. (Representing Claimant/Appellant City of Fort Peck)

In re Belgrade, 2021 Mont. Water LEXIS 582. (Representing Notice of Intent to Appear City of Three Forks)

Dome Mt. Ranch, 2019 Mont. Water LEXIS 2. (Representing Claimant Dome Mountain Ranch, Order Reinstating Late Claims)

In re Erb, 2016 Mont. Water LEXIS 2. (Representing Claimant Erb re scope of Notice of Intent to Appear)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND INTERESTS

- Bozeman Daily Chronicle 20 under 40 - 2017
- Montana MMA member and fight event sponsor – 2022 - 2024
- Assistant Principal Viola Bozeman Symphony Orchestra - 2010-2019; Omni Quartet - 2011-2012; First Violin, Bozeman Symphony Orchestra - periodically
- I enjoy trail running, biking and rafting with my son, husband, and our dogs