

Matisse M. Knight

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of Birth: March 30, 1974

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Two children, ages 3 and 8

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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Carter, Momsen & Knight, PC

Partner

Civil Litigation and General Practice Attorney, September, 2008 to present

- Started as a certified law student, then associate attorney. Made partner in less than three years, in March 2011, due to outstanding performance as an associate.
- Successfully represented clients in civil litigation cases, including being undefeated in jury and court trials, in matters involving contract law, real property law, water rights, insurance defense, insurance coverage, environmental law, land use law, consumer protection law, freedom of information law, false claims, employment law, construction defects and trust law.
- Argued appeals before the California First District Court of Appeals, including obtaining the reversal of summary judgment on issues under California's Unfair Competition Law, successfully defending the invalidation of a state agency's order under various provisions of California's Water Code and defending the entry of a default judgment under California's Code of Civil Procedure.
- Researched, analyzed and prepared hundreds of written briefs and oral arguments on a vast array of legal issues – including real estate and land use, government regulation, freedom of information, privacy, ethics, state and federal constitutional law, education, employment and labor, contracts, wills and trusts, business and commercial law, administrative law, environmental and water law - submitted to California superior courts, appellate courts, the Supreme Court of California and a multitude of government agencies and regulatory bodies.
- Provided legal advice, legal research and opinions to clients on a vast array of complex legal issues in the areas of contract law, real estate, water law, government regulation, freedom of information law, false claims, privacy, unfair competition, employment law, intellectual property law, wills and trusts, ethics and general litigation practice.
- Performed transactional work for clients regarding complex contract review and drafting, real property transactions, land use, intellectual property and trust work.
- Supervised associate attorney, paralegal and legal secretary.
- Performed duties of managing partner and maintained law firm's website.

ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE

Nestle Waters North America

Technical Manager, April 2004 to August 2005

- Supervised all engineering and maintenance activities, process improvement, and engineering associated with a bottled water plant. Successfully implemented technological and process improvements to enhance efficiency and product quality.

- Responsible for all facility maintenance and improvements; managing demolition, removal, upgrade and replacement of antiquated equipment and facilities.
- Managed an operating budget of over \$5 million per year.
- Supervised 30 maintenance personnel.
- Interpreted, drafted, implemented and enforced company and factory policy and procedures.
- Mentored and developed junior supervisors and team leaders.

Kellogg Corporation

Maintenance Manager, January 2002 to April 2004

- Supervised all maintenance activities, ammonia refrigeration, and engineering in a frozen food manufacturing plant.
- Proposed, developed, implemented and managed a professional development program for all members of the management team, focusing on leadership, cross departmental training and professional growth.
- Supervised 18 maintenance personnel and two maintenance supervisors in a union factory.
- Created new personnel positions, establishing and implementing standards and requirements within union guidelines.
- Drafted and implemented departmental policies, practices and procedures.

MILITARY EXPERIENCE

United States Army, June 1996 to January 2002

Captain (Battalion Adjutant); First Lieutenant (Company Executive Officer); Second Lieutenant (Tank Platoon Leader)

- Rated by the battalion commander as the best (#1) lieutenant out of 33 in the battalion.
- Deployed to Kuwait as the personnel officer for a task force that consisted of over 1200 personnel.
- Deployed to Kosovo with an international NATO peacekeeping task force as second in command of a company consisting of over 260 soldiers; charged with collecting, analyzing, processing and monitoring the maintenance status and accountability of 29 tracked and 131 wheeled vehicles and associated equipment worth over \$60 million.
- As a tank platoon leader, rated as the best (#1) platoon leader out of 12 in the battalion; responsible for 15 soldiers, ensuring their military readiness, supporting their familial needs and mentoring and fostering their personal and professional growth.

EDUCATION

***Juris Doctor*, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, CA (2008)**

- *Distinction*, 3.40 GPA; *Traynor Honor Society*; Class Rank: 29/201 - Top 15%
- Licensed California Attorney (#258039) – Admitted to practice before California State Courts and in Federal Court in the Northern District of California

***Bachelor of Science*, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY (1996)**

- Mechanical Engineering, *Certified Engineer in Training* in the state of New York

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Armor Officer's Basic Course, Army Air-Assault School, Army Master of Fitness Trainer, Unit Movement Officer's Course, Unit Safety Officer's Course, Army Captains Career Course, Combined Arms Service and Staff School, Allen-Bradley Basic PLC Course, DIPIX Vision System maintenance course, ADEPT Technologies robotics maintenance course, Seidel Blow Model Machine Operation and Maintenance Course, continuing legal education as required by California Bar Association.