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**ERIK S. BAKKE, SR.** graduated from the University of Washington in 1983 with a double Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminology and Juvenile Law, and obtained his Juris Doctorate from the University of Puget Sound (now Seattle University) School of Law in 1988. He is admitted to all state and federal courts in Washington State, as well as the U.S. District Court of Colorado and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Bakke has served as Judge Pro Tem of both the Douglas and Chelan County District Court where he presided over both civil and criminal jury trials, and is also appointed as arbitrator for the Superior Courts of Chelan, Douglas, and Grant Counties. Erik has served as Court Commissioner pro tem for Grant County Superior Court, where he presided over juvenile and family law matters.

In addition to his experience in civil and criminal litigation, Mr. Bakke has been involved in representing both credits and debtors in all federal bankruptcy courts in our state and is frequently requested to speak or lecture on this topic.

Mr. Bakke is the past Co-Chairman of the Advisory Board of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Washington, was the creditor representative to the Chapter 13 Subcommittee of the Bankruptcy Court, and Past President of the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Eastern District of Washington. He is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the Debtor-Creditor Section of the Washington State Bar Association.

Mr. Bakke has four children, and is very active in community programs. He enjoys family activities such as camping, biking, skiing, and all water sports.