

KELLY J. SAGER

■ EXPERIENCE

August 2021 – present

Tribal Court Consultant. Provide consulting services for tribal courts. Review reports. Provide consultation on staffing and budget issues.

January 2017 - August 2021

Tribal Court Director, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Pendleton, Oregon. Supervised court staff. Reported to Board of Trustees. Participated with executive management teams. Prepared and implemented budgets. Created and implemented department strategic plan. Appointed Associate Judge Pro Tem, March 2020.

April 2011 – December 2016

Attorney and Manager, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Pendleton. Supervised department. Grant administrator for IV-D funds. Provided legal representation to parents/guardians seeking child support. Registered foreign orders. Appeared weekly in Tribal Court. Provided updates and reports to Board of Trustees and Commissions.

April – October 2010, February - April 2011

Law clerk, U.S. District Court of Oregon, Pendleton. Conducted legal research, drafted Findings and Recommendation or Opinions for federal Magistrate, Hon. Patricia Sullivan. Discussed pending cases. Attended oral argument. Proof-read and edited documents. Maintained confidentiality to court.

December 2007 – June 2010

Executive Director, Pioneer Relief Nursery, Pendleton. Planned, directed, and reviewed the activities and operations of the Nursery. Represented the Nursery to the public and other agencies. Provided responsible administrative support to the board of directors. Hired and supervised professional and support staff. Prepared budgets. Exercised signatory powers. Complied with grant requirements. Drafted policies, forms, and manuals. Applied and adhered to licensing standards and regulations.

September 2004 - July 2006

Conflict attorney, Fourth Judicial District, Missoula. Court-appointed counsel in felony and misdemeanor proceedings, dependency and neglect proceedings, guardianship and Guardian Ad Litem proceedings. Reviewed investigative reports and charging documents. Negotiated settlements and treatment plans. Conducted legal research. Motion practice and trial experience.

April 2002 - November 2003, August - October 2005

Attorney, Missoula County Public Defenders Office. Defended indigent criminal

offenders including adults and juveniles. Represented persons in involuntary commitment proceedings. Represented children in Guardian Ad Litem proceedings. Reviewed investigative reports and charging documents. Filed legal proceedings. Conducted legal research. Weekly court appearances. Interviewed witnesses and prepared for trial. Negotiated plea agreements. Handled post conviction matters.

October 2000 - April 2002

Attorney, Domestic Violence Unit, Montana Legal Services Association, Missoula. Represented survivors of domestic violence in dissolution/parenting proceedings and Orders of Protection hearings. Filed legal proceedings and appeared in court. Conducted legal research. Facilitated Family Law Advice Clinic in Ravalli County. Advised local women's shelter on legal issues.

April - November 1999

Law Clerk, Coughlin, Leuenberger, Moon, P.C. Baker City, Oregon. Co-wrote Oregon Supreme Court brief and Oregon Court of Appeal brief. Conducted legal research. Wrote legal memos. Court appearances in Justice and Small Claims Court.

1989 - 1995

United States Forest Service. North Fork John Day Ranger District, Ukiah, Oregon. Wilderness trail crew, botany crew, fire fighter, timber cruiser, fire lookout.

■ EDUCATION

1994-1997

Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.), University of Oregon School of Law, Eugene. Course work included Indian Law, Wildlife Law, Comparative Law, Constitutional Law I and II, Family Law. Volunteer for annual Public Interest Law Conference and Oregon Law Stipend Public Interest Fund. Staff writer for *The Dissent*, student newspaper. Women's soccer team mid-fielder.

1991-1993

Bachelor of Arts, English, University of Oregon, Eugene.
Tutor for American English Institute.

■ BAR MEMBERSHIPS AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Montana (2000)
Oregon (2006)
Oregon Trial Advocacy College (2010)
Umatilla Tribal Court (2011)

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST