

# CATHERINE M. McDONALD

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## BAR ADMISSIONS

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State Bar of Washington, October 1994  
US District Court, Western District of Washington, November 2008  
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, December, 2008

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

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### **Law Offices of Swift & McDonald, P.S.**

Seattle, WA

*Attorney/Partner* – October 2008 to present

- Private Practice Attorney specializing in the areas of Federal and State Criminal Defense, and Professional Licensing issues.

### **Society of Counsel Representing Accused Persons (SCRAP)**

Seattle, WA

*Staff Attorney* – 3/98 to 10/08

- Misdemeanor Unit – 10/07 to 10/08  
District Court mainstream cases, with an emphasis on DUIs. Daily a high volume, fast paced, court with numerous clients. Initial review of files, meeting with clients and witnesses, negotiate cases, bench and jury trials, sentencing and reviews. On site resource for newer attorneys in the office.
- Felony Unit – 9/02 to 10/07  
Five years of progressively more experience in King County Superior Court. Wide range of class C, B, and A felonies, including “593”, or three strike cases. Managed, on average, 15 new felony clients per month. Responsible for initial client interviews, directing investigation, negotiating cases, daily court appearances, motion practice, jury and bench trials, as well as sentencing and reviews.
- Misdemeanor Unit – 3/01 to 9/02  
District Court mainstream and DV caseload.
- Dependency Unit – 3/98 to 3/01  
Represented parents and children in DSHS/CPS child protection cases. Worked with multiple parties in various shelter care, dependency, and termination hearings and trials.

### **Pierce County Department of Assigned Counsel (DAC)**

Tacoma, WA

*Staff Attorney* – October 1995 to March 1998

- Dependency Unit – 10/96 – 3/98  
Represented parents and children in DSHS/CPS child protection cases. Worked with multiple parties in shelter care, dependency, and termination hearings and trials.
- Misdemeanor Unit – 10/95 to 10/96  
Tacoma Municipal Court Public Defender.

### **Office of the Public Defender (TDA)**

*Rule 9 Intern and Volunteer* – January 1994 to April 1994, and October 1994 to April 1995

- Dependency and Misdemeanor Units – weekend arraignments, bench warrant calendars, hearings, motions, trials, sentencing, and preparation of appeals.

## EDUCATION

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### **Seattle University School of Law**

Seattle, WA

Juris Doctor Conferred May 1994

### **University of Washington**

Seattle, WA

Bachelors of Arts, International Studies, March 1985

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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**Selected Trainings:**     *Sex Offense Defense*, WACDL, Seattle, WA  
*Confrontation in Chelan – Crawford Issues*, WACDL, Chelan, WA  
*Jazzin’ Up Your Defense*, NACDL, New Orleans, LA  
*DWI Means Defend with Ingenuity Seminar*, NACDL, Las Vegas, NV  
*Capital Case Defense*, Calif. Attorneys for Criminal Justice, Monterey, CA  
*Ethics – The Public Defender and Trial*, WDA  
*The New Rules of Professional Responsibility*, SCRAP  
*Medicine and the Machinery of Death*, Death Penalty Assistance Center  
*Crimes of Violence, Defense with Passion*, WACDL  
*Defending Meth Cases*, WDA  
*Race, Class and the War on Drugs*, King County Bar Association  
*Science of Cross Examination*, WDA  
*Interviewing with the Prosecutor Present*, SCRAP

**Memberships:**     Federal Bar Association of the Western District of Washington  
Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (WACDL)  
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL)  
King County Washington Women Lawyers