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Jeff's practice is dedicated to providing clients with collaborative approaches to conflict that are client-centered, agreement-oriented and solution-focused. He mediates disputes, conflicts and difficult conversations among organizations, individuals and businesses.

Before turning to mediation full-time, Jeff's litigation practice ran the gamut from administrative hearings, jury trials and multi-district national class-action litigation, to appeals before the Washington State Supreme Court. He represented individuals, businesses and governments with claims ranging from antitrust to contract to negligence to securities. Notable cases include *In re Cigarette Antitrust Litigation*, representing a national class of wholesalers with horizontal price-fixing claims, and what in their time were the two largest settlements in Washington State history: *State of Washington v. American Tobacco Co., et al.* and *State Investment Board v. The New England, et al.*

Jeff works to build the capacity of the legal profession to provide representation to clients in agreement-oriented dispute resolution processes. He is past President of King County Collaborative Law and past Chair of the Washington State Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Section.

Jeff also presents, trains, instructs and coaches in dispute resolution. His presentations include:

- *Is Collaborative Law Right for Your Case?* Collaborative Probate & Elder Law, King County Bar Association, December 2011
- *Landlord/Tenant Mediation/Dispute Resolution*, Commercial Landlord/Tenant Law, Sterling Educational Services, August 2010
- *Dispute Resolution Tips for the Solo/Small Firm Lawyer*, Washington State Bar Association Solo & Small Firm Conference, July 2010
- *Web 2.0 Marketing for Dispute Resolution Professionals*, 17th Annual Northwest Dispute Resolution Conference, May 2010
- *A New Context for Looking at Mediator Style*, Colorado/Denver Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section, March 2010
- *The Uniform Collaborative Law Act*, King County Bar Association Collaborative Law Section, February 2010
- *Civil Dispute Management: Collaborative Law*, King County Bar Association & Seattle University School of Law, December 2009
- *Collaborative Law*, Washington State Bar Association, July 2009
- *Situation Assessment: A Framework for Any Dispute Resolution Approach?* 10th Annual American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution Spring Conference, 2008