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JOHN W. DEMCO

John W. Demco graduated with distinction from the University of North Dakota Law School in 1969 and has been practicing law in Seattle since 1970. Since 1985 he has focused his practice almost exclusively on real estate litigation, primarily representing some of western Washington's largest residential real estate brokers. He holds a real estate broker's license in the state of Washington.

In addition to his regular law practice, Mr. Demco has served as a mediator in numerous cases involving issues of real estate law, successfully obtaining settlements among the parties in most of his efforts.

Mr. Demco was appointed to the Washington Association of Realtors task force on agency legislation in 1994. The efforts of the task force led to the creation of a new chapter of Washington law commonly known as the Law of Real Estate Agency (18.86 RCW). Recently, Mr. Demco participated on another task force appointed by the Department of Licensing for a review of the Washington law of real estate licensing. After more than two years of regular meetings, the task force proposed a complete re-write of the licensing laws (18.85 RCW). That proposal was adopted by the state legislature with minor changes and was signed by Governor Gregoire in 2008. The new licensing laws will take effect in 2010.

In 2003, Mr. Demco was named one of the top-five King County residential real estate lawyers by Seattle Magazine in its January/February 2003 issue,* and also designated as a Super Lawyer in 2007 as a result of nomination by his peers**. He is certified by the Washington Department of Licensing as an instructor and has taught a number of continuing legal education courses pertaining to real estate.

John is an instrument rated pilot, enjoys boating, skiing, and almost anything else that may get him out of the office on a sunny day in Seattle.

*Beth Taylor & Adam Crowley, Top Lawyers, Seattle Magazine, Jan./Feb. 2003, at 39.

**Washington Law & Politics, Super Lawyers 2007, at 30.



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