

CHRISTOPHER M. MISSICK

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SUMMARY

California and New York licensed attorney with an integrated experience in both law and the wine industry. Developed legal and business strategies to build two wine businesses since 2011, including a boutique winery on Seneca Lake and an international joint venture to export New York wines to the EU. Attained satisfactory results for clients in wine law related issues, navigating state and federal laws and regulations promulgated by the NYSLA, the TTB and the FDA. Producer and winemaker of award winning and 90+ point wines.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NEW YORK WINES, S.A.R.L., Windhof, Luxembourg **2013-Present**
Member, Board of Directors

- Founding member of international joint venture to export New York wines to the European Union
- Familiar with compliance on labeling, export, and shipping from distributor and winery perspective
- Engaged in sales in Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany, including ProWein 2014 and 2015

BELLANGELO WINERY, Dundee, NY **2011-Present**
Co-Owner, Winemaker

- Manage all aspects of winery business, including legal compliance with state and federal licensing, labeling, distribution, excise tax, and sales tax compliance
- Produce terroir driven wines from four premium sites, emphasizing aromatic white wines
- Direct wine program and established deep relationships with top wine media personalities
- Developed distribution relationships and expanded to sales to 12 states

FRANKEL & TENNANT PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, Newport Beach, CA **2009-2012**
Associate Attorney

- Represented financial institutions with regard to real estate and bankruptcy in relation to commercial mortgage portfolios
- Extensive litigation experience in Southern California State and Federal Courts

UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE, Los Alamitos, CA **2001-2009**
Sergeant, MOS 25 Quebec

- Operation Iraqi Freedom, 2003-2005 and Operation Foal Eagle, Korea, 2003
- Soldier of the Year, 2003, 319th Signal Battalion
- Granted secret security clearance to operate within echelon above corps communication networks

CALIFORNIA COURT OF APPEAL 4TH DISTRICT, DIVISION THREE, Santa Ana, CA **2007**
Judicial Extern, Hon. David G. Sills, Presiding Justice

- Drafted summaries and opinions for cases before the Court of Appeal

EDUCATION

FINGER LAKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Canandaigua, NY, A.A.S. Viticulture & Enology 2017
Dean's List Recipient, 2015, 2016

WHITTIER LAW SCHOOL, Costa Mesa, CA, J.D. Cum Laude, 2008
Class Rank: Top 15%, 23 of 156
Merit Scholarship Recipient; Law Review – Staff; Student Bar Association – Vice President

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SACRAMENTO, B.A., Government, 2003
Sigma Phi Epsilon – President, VP of Recruitment, VP of Communications
Associated Students (ASI) – Vice President of University Affairs

PUBLICATIONS

Authored A Sense of Place, A Discovery of Finger Lakes Wine History and Bellangelo Winery. Third Edition, Published 2015. ISBN 0692476636

Authored Begin Again, Securing Your Fresh Financial Start With Consumer Bankruptcy. First Edition, Published 2009. ISBN 1442181036

“Child Custody Provisions in the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: Congress Acts to Protect Parents Serving in the Armed Forces,” Volume XXIX, No. 4 Whittier Law Review, May 2008

Authored Chapter “A Line In The Sand,” in Letters from the Front Lines: Iraq and Afghanistan, by Rear Admiral Stuart Platt, Greenville Island Press, 2006, ISBN 1894694481

AFFILIATIONS

California Bar Association - Member, New York State Bar Association – Member, Finger Lakes Wine Alliance – Board Member, Geneva Growth – Board Member, Veterans of Foreign Wars - Member, Mensa - Member