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ESPITE THE DEMANDS OF RUNNING an appellate law practice in two states, Corey Even Parker personally meets with his appeals clients – even if he has to travel a far distance to visit them in prison. "My client is the one who actually lived and breathed the trial and can relay the tone and tenor of how everything transpired even beyond what I read in the transcript," said Mr. Parker. "They help bring the written transcript to life."

Writing an appellate brief is an extensive process comprised of reviewing the record, identifying the issues, drafting, redrafting and editing. This process can sometimes take months, but Mr. Parker enjoys every minute of it.

A Pacific Northwest native, Mr. Parker attended the University of Washington before graduating cum laude from Seattle University School of Law, ranked by U.S. News & World Report as having the #1 Legal Writing Program in the country for the past seven years. In addition to his studies, Mr. Parker served as the Student Bar Association President while attending law school. It was in law school that Mr. Parker developed his passion for legal writing.

After passing the Washington State Bar Exam in 2008, Mr. Parker started his legal career at a Seattle law firm representing defendants on criminal matters. After gaining experience with the law firm, he founded his own law office in Seattle where he focused on appeals and general criminal misdemeanor and felony defense cases. Through his representation on criminal cases in trial court, he realized that despite the best efforts of all the parties involved, reversible errors can arise. "The main players in any fast-paced legal proceeding are only human," said Mr. Parker. "When proceedings are happening swiftly with unexpected turns, sometimes reversible errors are made." It was Mr. Parker's interest in advocating for reversal of these crucial errors that motivated him to turn his focus from criminal defense to appellate law.

Eager to expand his practice further, Mr. Parker took the California Bar Exam and, despite a 41% pass rate, passed the exam the first time. In 2013, he opened his second office in Orange County, and now handles criminal and civil appeals in both Washington and California. Mr. Parker says his compassion for his clients drives him to take on the intellectual challenge of appeals. "My heart goes out to people who are sitting in prison or who lost their civil case and were deprived of a fair trial," said Mr. Parker. He says he understands that "sometimes the appellate process is the party's last chance to take back their liberty and livelihood if they have a meritorious case."

Mr. Parker's passion for the law has not gone unnoticed within the legal community; his peers have helped him obtain a perfect 10.0 (Superb) AVVO rating. Mr. Parker feels as though he has been warmly embraced by the Orange County legal community. He intends to be a reliable source for trial attorneys to refer their appeals cases to him for review.

