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## EXECUTIVE PROFILE

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### RESUME

**Name:** Scott Shorr.

**Title:** Attorney and shareholder.

**Organization:** Stoll Berne.

**Background:** Trial, appellate and class action attorney.

**Education:** Law degree from the University of California Berkeley, bachelor's degree from Vassar College.

**Residence:** Portland.

### BUSINESS PHILOSOPHY

**Essential business philosophy:** Serve your client by matching your best skills to their essential needs and provide a referral when there is not a great match.

**Best way to keep competitive:** Focus on your area of expertise and outwork the competition in that area. There are very few generalists left in any field, particularly law.

**Guiding principle:** It's cliché, but do unto others works pretty well.

**Yardstick of success:** How my family,

clients, peers and judges view me as a person and an advocate.

**Goal yet to be achieved:** Potty training my twin toddler boys.

### JUDGMENT CALLS

**Best business decision:** Coming to Stoll Berne to work on contingent and higher risk cases and later arguing a case in front of the U.S. Supreme Court.

**Worst business decision:** A settlement I recommended long ago that I wish I could do over again.

**Toughest business decision:** Advocating to remove a judge from a case because I believed the judge failed to fully disclose his interests and potential bias.

**Biggest missed opportunity:** Being too skeptical to uncover a potential fraud early in my career. It taught me not to underestimate the possibility of fraud by otherwise respected business people.

**Mentors:** Fellow attorneys in my office, Roy Pulvers, retired Oregon Supreme

Court judge Richard Unis.

**Words that best describe you:** Everyone says “earnest,” which can feel like a double-edged sword.

### TRUE CONFESSIONS

**Like best about the job:** Advocating for the right cause and winning.

**Like least about the job:** Fighting with opposing attorneys over the little stuff that we should agree on.

**Pet peeves:** Fighting over the little things and losing.

**Most important lesson learned:** Work gets easier after 40, but balancing work and life gets a lot harder.

**Person most interested in meeting:** President Barack Obama.

**Most respected competitor:** Barnes H. Ellis, Bruce Campbell. Wait, why am I giving them free referrals?

**Greatest passions:** My wife and sons.

**First choice for a new career:** First base for the New York Mets (they could use someone).

### PREDILECTIONS

**Favorite quote:** “I drink your milkshake” — Daniel Day Lewis’ character in “There Will Be Blood.”

**Most influential book:** “Call It Sleep,” by Henry Roth.

**Favorite Web sites:** NYTimes and Blue-Oregon.

**Favorite cause:** Hands On Greater Portland.

**Favorite movie:** “Apocalypse Now.”

**Favorite musician:** Tom Waits (before 1980) and Bruce Springsteen.

**Most treasured possession:** Don’t have any in case I have to give them up and move to India following a mid-life crisis.

**Favorite restaurant:** Beast.

**Favorite vacation spot:** Coast of Mexico.

**Favorite way to spend free time:**

Traveling.