



Tyler B. O'Brien

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **The Longhair Lawyer (WA, CA, TX)**

Ritzville, WA

*Attorney/Owner*, June 2022 – Present

- Drafted and reviewed various commercial contracts (e.g., real estate purchase and sale, proprietary rights, noncompete, nondisclosure, nonsolicitation, LLC operating, employment, independent contractor, corporate share transfer, SaaS agreements).
- Performed compliance research for organizations and individuals in various industries (e.g., agriculture, software, leasing, professional services, nonprofit).
- Provided estate planning and drafted wills, trusts, powers of attorney, and living wills.

### **The Longhair Lifestyle**

Ritzville, WA

*Owner/CEO*, February 2025 – Present

- **The Longhair Laborer:** Established and managed a licensed general construction contracting business.
- **The Longhair Linguist:** Established and managed a book publishing business.

### **Piskel Yahne Kovarik, PLLC**

Spokane, WA

*Law Clerk/Licensed Legal Intern*, May 2021 – May 2022

- Analyzed, drafted, and redlined commercial contracts (e.g., construction, settlement, exclusivity, employment, vendor, and commercial and residential lease agreements).
- Researched the effects of statutes, caselaw, executive orders, and federal acquisition regulations on contract terms.
- Advised clients, attorneys, brokers, and vendors on the legal effects of contract terms and how to incorporate their desired terms.
- Advised residential property managers on how to institute eviction and collection actions while complying with state, local, and federal law.
- Conducted research on corporate governance, unpaid wages, quantum meruit, secured transactions, bankruptcy, employment discrimination, and contract law.
- Drafted pleadings, motions, demand letters, mediation statements, subpoenas, tort claim notices, proposed arbitrator's awards, and research memoranda.



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## EDUCATION

**Gonzaga University School of Law** Spokane, WA  
*Juris Doctor, Cum Laude*, December 2021  
CALI Excellence for the Future Award – Contracts

**Washington State University** Pullman, WA  
*Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Minor in Business Administration*, August 2019

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## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

**WSBA Solo and Small Practice Section**  
*New Member Liaison* *Sept 2024 – Present*

**WSBA Business Law Section**  
*New Member Liaison* *April 2025 – Sept 2025*  
*Treasurer* *Sept 2025 – Sept 2026.*

**WSBA Moderate Means Program, Gonzaga** *January 2020 – May 2020*  
*Student Volunteer*

**Associated Students of Washington State University** *May 2017 – Dec 2017*  
*Director of Health and Safety*

**Washington State University Interfraternity Council** *Dec 2016 – Dec 2018*  
*President, Executive Vice President, Director of Service and Philanthropy*

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## ACADEMIC WRITING

*Preventing Non-Parties from Enforcing a Subordination Agreement*: Article on the effect of a Court's misapplication of UCC Article 3 on subordination agreements. Published in *The Transactional Lawyer* Vol. 11 (Dec. 2021), a newsletter published by the Center for Law, Ethics, and Commerce at Gonzaga University School of Law.

*The Gravamen of the Claim in Hybrid Transactions*: A full semester research and writing project concerning hybrid transactions under UCC Article 2 (unpublished).

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## INTERESTS

Marathons, Spartan Races, Water Sports, Rock Climbing, Backpacking, and Triathlons.