

## **Member Spotlight: James E. Simon**

In this newsletter, we are fortunate to spotlight **Jim Simon of Porter Simon** who has graciously provided us with the following in response to our request.

*I started practicing law after graduation from Hastings in 1974 with a large Bay Area law firm. Prior to that, I had taken a year off after the bar exam; taught skiing at Northstar and did a bit of sailing in the South Seas. Upon my return, I continued teaching skiing and was coming up from the Bay Area every weekend. I had met Paul Porter (Jim Porter's late brother) at Northstar, and he introduced me to Jim who was then practicing with Dale Wood and Wally Stevens in the old Masonic building in downtown Truckee. I talked them into hiring me and relocated to Truckee in 1976 (I think). Over a number of years we built our law firm and added partners.*

*I started out practicing in family law, having obtained a specialization when the program was first offered by the State Bar. Ultimately, I transitioned out of family law and into personal injury and business litigation where I have concentrated my practice since the mid 80's. I have been fortunate to have had outstanding law partners and a tremendous staff.*

*Of course, my attraction to the Truckee Tahoe area is pretty much the same as for all of us: the natural environment and outdoor recreation. An immense added benefit is the caliber of the people living in the area and the close relationships, which I have developed here over the years. I continue to enjoy skiing, biking, and sailing in the Tahoe region.*

*Living in the region has been enhanced by getting involved with the community, including the formation of the Tahoe Truckee Bar Association (Charter President); Truckee Rotary (founding member and past President); and working with many of the non-profits in our area. Porter and I have developed a bit of an emcee shtick, and I now do a fair amount of emcee and charity auctioneering at community events.*



*Years ago, the judges from both Placer and Nevada counties would consistently comment that the quality of attorneys practicing within our bar association was excellent and that we brought a high standard of representation to the legal community. That tradition has continued as the bar grows and the legal community develops. The judges, which our association has contributed to the bench, provide fine examples of the excellence of the local bar.*

*I seem to have developed a bit of a niche practice in business fraud and accounting cases, and am currently involved in a lengthy trial in Nevada City. The case began on November 24, 2010, and the end is not yet in sight! (apologies to others with cases pending the civil department)*

*My wife, Martha, is the Chief Development Officer for Tahoe Forest Health Systems and our children are Brooke, age 22, living the life in Maui; and Andrew, age 21, studying engineering at Cal Poly.*

*Next stop – retirement and grandkids!*

**Is there a TTBA member you would like to “spotlight” in the newsletter? Send in your suggestions!**