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Family: Married to Emy DiGrappa, together we have seven children and six grandchildren.

Work Experience:

- **Presently**, 28th year as General Legal Counsel, **Lower Valley Energy Inc.**, the electric and gas cooperative utility in the Idaho & Wyoming region (since 1989). Appointed by National Rural Electric Cooperative Association through its affiliated Electric Cooperative Bar Association as a founding member and Wyoming Liaison to the ECBA (since 1990)
- **Presently**, **Jackson Hole Real Estate Associates, Christie's International Real Estate**, Associate Broker, business development and real estate sales, a founder of the [new Western Ranches Division Click Link](#)
- Executive Director of **The Murie Center - conservation's home** - at the Murie Ranch a National Historic Landmark in Moose, Wyoming at the southern entrance to Grand Teton National Park working on education about the value of conserving wildlife and wild places (2008 - 2012)
- **FDIC receiver for ANB Financial** upon the bank failure May'08 (I was a Sr. VP in Jackson Hole Region 2006 - 2008) I worked for the FDIC in St. George, Utah managing part of \$1.4 B in troubled loans (2008)
- **Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce**, Executive Director, 900 members in 3 state region (1999 – 2006); for a detailed story on this experience **Google: New West Duerr**
Click Links [Part One](#) ; [Part Two](#) 10/05/2006
- **Holland & Hart** a Rocky Mountain Regional Law Firm, attorney in the Jackson Hole office (1992 – 1999)
- Executive Vice President, Director and General Counsel for the **Jackson Hole Ski Corporation** (1985-1992)
- Owner interstate trucking firm, beef and related products Minnesota (1975 – 1981)
- Cow calf ranching and beef processing – Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Minnesota (1970 –1985)
- **Dorsey & Whitney** – large Minnesota based law firm staff attorney (1980-1981)
- Law Clerk, District Court of Minnesota (1978-1980)

Education, Licenses & Training:

Georgetown University Law Center (Master of Laws in tax law, L.L.M 1982)

William Mitchell College of Law (*Juris Doctorate*, JD 1980)

Harvard Law School (Conflict Management Training 1989)

Law Licenses: Minnesota 1980, Wyoming 1986

Real Estate License: Wyoming 2000; Idaho 2013

Leadership Wyoming 2000: member of first statewide leadership class

Leadership Jackson Hole 2000 – 2004: management of the program facilitator

University of St. Thomas (B.A. Political Science 1976) *magna cum laude*

United States Air Force Academy (cadet candidate, 1971-72 resigned)

United States Air Force (Honorable Discharge 1977 from US Air Force Reserves)

Benilde High School: Minneapolis, MN – Captain, Football All State & All Conference (2 years)

Awards and Honors:

- **2017 Top Producing** individual broker at JHREA/Christies International Real Estate
- **2016 JH Chamber of Commerce, *Respecting the Power of Place Award*** – “Weaving throughout Steve’s work is an often quiet, behind-the-scenes effort over the past decades demonstrating a steadfast commitment to the people and stories that form the fabric of the valley,” a chamber release stated. “Few people have his passion for Jackson Hole’s conservation history and few people have so consistently worked to cement that legacy for generations to come.”
- **2014 Top Producing** real estate team,- LiveJH - at JHREA/Christies International Real Estate

Politics: 2004 Republican Candidate for Wyoming Senate District #16 (primary won Teton & Sublette Counties)

2008 Republican Candidate for Wyoming House District #22 (withdrew due to ANB bank failure)

Elected Office: Teton County School District, Board of Trustees (November 2002 - 2004)

Interests: Family, Horses & Climbing - Climbed tallest peaks in all states of Northern Rocky Mountain West

Professional and Volunteer Activities:

- 2017 – **Teton Science Schools**, appointed by the board of directors to be an **Advisory Board Member of The Murie Center Division** at the Murie Ranch in Grand Teton National Park “inspiring curiosity, engagement and leadership through transformative place-based education.”
- 2017 – **JH Chamber of Commerce**, appointed by the board of directors, Policy & Government Affairs Com.
- 2017 – **Rotary Club of Jackson Hole**, appointed by the board of directors to be the Program Manager
- 2016 - Hospice trained volunteer, **St. John’s Hospital and Medical Center**, Jackson Hole.
- 2016 – **JH Turning Point**, trained volunteer to help with pregnancy counseling
- 2015 – Appointed to Board of Directors of **Curran-Seeley Foundation**, offering addiction prevention and recovery counseling in Jackson Hole.
- 2015/2016 - Wyoming Legislature Liaison, **Citizens for Self Government**, Link [Convention of States](#)
- 2014 – WY State Director, **Citizens for Self Government, Convention of States initiative**
- 2014 – Elected by members of the regional realtors organization to the Board of Directors, **Teton Board of Realtors.**
- 2012 – Appointed by the County Commissioners of Teton County to serve on the **Teton County Planning Commission** regarding adoption of the land development regulations for the new Teton County Master Plan
- 2006 – **U.S. Dept. of Interior**, appointed by Secretary to statutory group reviewing natural gas development on the Anticline in Sublette County, WY; **Sublette Group for Community Initiative**, incorporator & board member of citizen group encouraging collaborative community leadership regarding gas development boom & growth impacts
- 2005 – **Wyoming Small Business Advisory Panel**, appointed to panel by President of Wyoming Senate; **Imagine Jackson, Inc**, incorporator & a founder of community development Town of Jackson entity; **Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative**, Link www.Y2Y.net, elected to board of directors, the vision of this international organization is to advance the interconnections of natural and human communities
- 2003 – Founding board member, **Yellowstone Business Partnership**, a nonprofit association of businesses in the three state bio-region (**Wyoming, Montana, Idaho**) providing a progressive business voice as responsible stewards of our businesses, communities and environment.

- 2002 - Founding board member incorporator and Vice President of **The Jackson Hole Center for Global Affairs** intending to convene dialogue by world leaders on issues of international significance. The U.S. China Clean Energy Initiative is the first project. Link www.jhcga.org
- 2001 – Founding board member and incorporator **JH AIR** (Air Improvement Resources) focusing upon funding and assuring year round quality commercial jet service to Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Founding member/officer of the Board of Directors of **Charture Institute** a nonprofit organization focusing on research that assists in “Charting the Future” relevant to places of ecological and aesthetic importance. Pro bono attorney **1% for the Tetons** in collaboration with 1% for the Planet.
- 2000- 2003 – Elected to the Board of Directors of the **Jackson Hole Rotary Club**, co- chair of International Activities Committee (member since 1986)
- 1996 -2001 Chairman and Board Member of **Community Entry Services Foundation**. CES assists individuals with disabilities to integrate and work in regional communities; court appointed guardian for 2 men since 1997.
- 1996-99 (1989-91) Elected to the Board of Directors of the **Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce** and nominated as an officer on the Executive Committee (resigned to be selected as Executive Director 1999)
- 1996 - Founding board member and incorporator of Jackson Hole based **The Center for Resolution** a non-profit corporation that aims to resolve regional social/political issues.
- 1992 – 1994 Founding board member and Executive Director of pro-property rights organization, the **Teton County Community Advisory Group**, representing ranchers and landowners in land use and county master plan proceedings in the Teton County version of the “Fight for the New West” (the Jackson Hole feud was featured on National Public Radio’s Weekend, *All Things Considered* in 1993).
- 1990 – Full time staff for Republican **Gubernatorial Candidate** Mary Mead (Governor Sullivan re-elected)
- 1989 – Founding board member and incorporator of the **Jackson Hole Museum and Teton County Historical Society** (merging three non profit entities)
- 1988 - Founder, President and incorporator of the state wide ski area association, **Ski Wyoming, Inc.**

Legislative Activity:

Drafted and during three legislative sessions of the **Wyoming Legislature**, lobbied the passage of the Wyoming Recreation Safety Act and amendments and the Skier Safety Act, Wyo. Stat. Sections 1-1-121 to 123, accomplishing tort reform and potential for criminal liability for reckless acts.

Writing Activity:

- **Legal:** Co-authored law review articles on the subject of the inherent risk of recreational activities: *Recreational Injuries and Inherent Risks*, 28 **Wyo. Land and Water Law Review** 149 (1993); An Update, 33 **Land and Water Law Review** 249 (1998).
- **Published Articles:**
 - > Fall of the Berlin Wall – *Let’s Dedicate a Symbol in the Tetons*, Jackson Hole Guide (11/22/89);
 - > 2000 Presidential Election – *Compassionate Conservatism*, Casper Star (12/24/2000);
 - > September 11th – *America’s Moral Map to Kabul*, Casper Star (9/22/2001);
 - > *Uncle Sam Needs a New Image*, Casper Star (1/20/2002);
 - > Second Anniversary of September 11th - *Ephemera or Nobility*, JH News & Guide (9/10/03)
 - > *An Enduring Vision for Jackson Hole*, JH News & Guide (12/12/07)
 - > *Remembrance, Olaus Murie*, on the memorial of the 50th year of his passing, JH News & Guide (10/21/13)
 - > *Teton Tunnel Vision*, on building a tunnel through the Tetons, JH News & Guide (6/3/15)

Speaking Activity:

- **Leadership Wyoming, Snake River Ranch**, On the occasion of the convening of the annual statewide class, I spoke on the evolution of Jackson Hole, its economy, people and spirit of place (September 2012).
- **National Elk Refuge, Jackson Hole**, On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of NER I spoke at the National Museum of Wildlife Art on the life work of Olaus Murie and his investment in the world class elk herds of Jackson Hole (March 2012)
- **Wyoming State Bar**, Annual Meeting; organized a panel presentation to discuss 20 years of case law interpreting Wyoming's Inherent Risk Act which I wrote (September 2011)
- **United States Senate**, Subcommittee on National Parks & National Forests: testified before Senator Thomas (R. WY.) chairman, coordinated by the National Parks Conservation Association concerning the merits of the National Parks Gateway Communities Cooperation Act. (May 2006)
- **British Columbia & Alberta Canada**, on behalf of the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative & Canadian Parks & Wilderness Association with funding from a Y2Y supporting foundation, presented information, spoke and participated on panels several times with political leaders, community groups, business and conservation leaders and NGOs regarding approaches to balancing the interests of commerce and conservation by "Respecting the Power of Place" in these parks and gateway communities in Alberta & British Columbia, Canada: Banff National Park, Waterton Lakes National Park, Canmore, Fernie, Frank's Slide, Crowsnest Pass, Pincher Creek, Cranbrook and Victoria. (2001 – 2006)
- **Western United States Legislative, Legal, Chamber & Resort Community**, many presentations concerning the drafting, lobbying and passage of the Recreation Safety Act and the Skier Safety Act; concerning the history of the contract airline service & JH AIR; and concerning building collaborative relationships to solve national park gateway community challenges (Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, Utah).
- **Wyoming Council for the Humanities**: accepted as a member of the 2003 Speakers Bureau; presentation entitled: *Wyoming's Spiritual Landscapes, Help Us - Remember September 11th*
- **Investing in the Power of the New West**: spoke on the significance of baby boomers moving to the Rocky Mountain States, the example of remote Teton County, Wyoming as the wealthiest county per capita in the United States, including the high per capita charitable contributions, funding over 220 nonprofit organizations in a county with full time population around 15,000. New West, Real Estate and Development in the Northern Rockies (October 2006) Missoula, Montana. (**Google: New West Steve Duerr**); **Duluth, MN.** (Sept. 2007) Chamber of Commerce (North Shore Lake Superior to Thunder Bay, Canada) - talk on corporate social responsibility & balancing commerce & conservation; **Casper, WY** (September 2008) talk on Faith and the Environment, "On Sacred Ground" is there an accommodation between God and science?