

Meet Blake Hilty

Introduction by Jane Pryor

I am pleased to introduce Blake Hilty. Blake was proposed by Jay Blazey; classification Law Practice – Family Law. Joining Blake today is his wife, Missy Hilty. Welcome, Missy.

Although Blake was born in Texas, he counts himself a native Washingtonian, as he moved here when he was about five. Blake earned his bachelor's degree in business administration at the University of Washington, where he first met his proposer and friend, Jay Blazey. He earned his JD at Gonzaga University, where he met Missy, now an attorney for the IRS. College – like Rotary – is a good place to meet people!



While in law school, Blake interned with a sole practitioner that specialized in matrimonial law. That experience turned into a job offer in Seattle after graduation. From there, Blake moved to McKinley Irvin, followed by his current firm, Socius Law Group.

Blake's references for club membership are glowing. He was described as having an exemplary professional reputation, the highest level of integrity and professional ethics, a person with good values and excellent character, and "the full package – a great family guy and a great lawyer."

Blake and Missy have one daughter, Eliette Dean Hilty, age ...15 months. As if juggling family and professional life weren't enough, Blake is an accomplished marathoner, running 14-16 miles a day, two or three marathons per year. He's run marathons in New York and Los Angeles, and will be in the Boston Marathon on April 17.

Blake is no stranger to Rotary. His mother is a member of the Rotary Club of Everett; he's transferring to our club from Magnolia Rotary, where he's been a member this past year.

No stranger to service, Blake participates in work-related volunteer activities, including his firm's Food Frenzy, which raises funds for Food Lifeline and Rotary First Harvest. Blake volunteers with the Family Law Mentor Program, a pro bono program that assists low-income King County residents in contested family law matters which involve at-risk children. Blake is also a member of the Judicial Evaluation Committee for the King County Bar Association, which rates prospective judges.

Thanks again to Jay Blazey for proposing Blake Hilty, classification Legal Services. Please join me in welcoming Blake as our newest Young Rotary Leader.