

Virginia Curtis Lee was privileged to grow up in a dysfunctional, but intact, family. Her quest has been how better to navigate life's challenges. An avid reader, she has searched for a human operating system instruction manual. As a single mother and college student, Virginia worked three years as a serving person at La Caille. In 1977, she graduated with a B.S. in Biology from the University of Utah and was elected Phi Beta Kappa. She wanted to be a doctor; in high school she prized Strong & Elwyn's Human Neuroanatomy (5th Ed. 1964). In 1979, she graduated from the University of Utah College of Law. Virginia has practiced law thirty-one years, serving clients from her humble home office. She did a three-year stint with AV-rated Marsden Orton & Cahoon, but developed chronic fatigue syndrome that sidelined her seven years. Somehow, fifteen years ago Virginia earned a Martindale-Hubbell BV rating. For fifteen years Virginia maintained a secondary teaching certificate. As Mock Trial Coordinator with the Utah Law-Related Education Project ("LRE") most of the years from 1986 to 2001, Virginia developed a conscious appreciation for human-relation skills demonstrated by Kathy Dryer, LRE's Project Director, and Kathleen Zeitlin, Director of Salt Lake Peer Court. In 1995, Virginia read Daniel Goleman's Emotional Intelligence: Why it can matter more than IQ. She prizes Emotional Intelligence 2.0 (2009) for succinctly and effectively helping readers develop EQ skills involving self-awareness, self-management, social awareness and relationship management through 66 proven strategies she gladly shares.