





Branding is the heartbeat of any small business—it's more than just a logo. It's perception, reputation, and connection. As Jeff Bezos put it, "A brand is what other people say about it when you're not in the room." (I really need to find a new quote...)

For years, I've dedicated myself to helping small businesses build strong, strategic brand identities. From Philzie's Studio to Oregon Graphic Design, my guiding principle has always been: my success comes from my clients' success. Since earning my MFA in 2016, I've refined my focus on branding for small businesses and entrepreneurs, shaping meaningful visual identities that align with their goals. Some projects in this portfolio reflect my earlier brand, while others mark my evolution—but all showcase my ability to adapt, innovate, and create brands that resonate.

Branding isn't just about making things "look good." It's about guiding clients toward what actually works. I work best with those who value expertise, collaboration, and the why behind the design. And speaking of expertise—I literally wrote the book on branding! (More on that later.)

I believe those with knowledge and experience have a responsibility to share it—whether mentoring, consulting, or designing. Helping others succeed fuels my own growth. Right now, I'm embracing a growth mindset, ready for new challenges and the chance to push creative boundaries even further.

So, let's turn the page and see if I'm the right fit to run with the big dogs! Awooo!

To success of the journey ahead, Phillip Pickard Jones



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Logo Iterations One-sheet, Advertising/Social Media Templates



Fun **TEAM PLAYER** Outgoing **SPORTY** Playful Engaging **MOTIVATING**

Design Goals/Challenges: The design goal for this project was to "create" a brand alongside potential readers and users of my Branding Guide Workbook. When I saw your advert on FB, asking for Dog Puns, I knew I had to showcase this project. It was a blast creating it. Inspired by my Jack Russell, Mercedez.

Software: Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign

Skills: Technical Writing, Typography, Print Design/Layout,









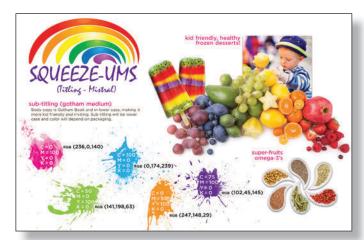
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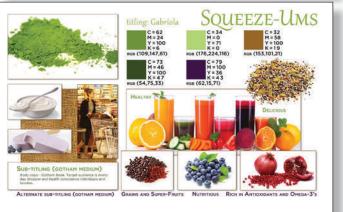
Design Process and Branding Build: Squeeze-ums

Design Goals/Challenges: Creating a brand that resonated with both adults and children was the biggest challenge. The Mood Boards (a brand building basic) vastly differed in their aesthetics. The brand ended up being what you see below: healthy, frozen desserts just as good as Grandma used to make.

Project Includes: Concept builds, Persona Development, Guerilla Marketing, Product Design.











The Complete Brand Experience



Software: Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign **Skills:** Persona Development, Market Research, Package Design, Content Writing, After Effects (animations linked).







Video Link: https://youtu.be/XVvQ-itagas

BRAND GUIDE BASICS: DAKIMA MARIA Logo Iteration with Color Guide



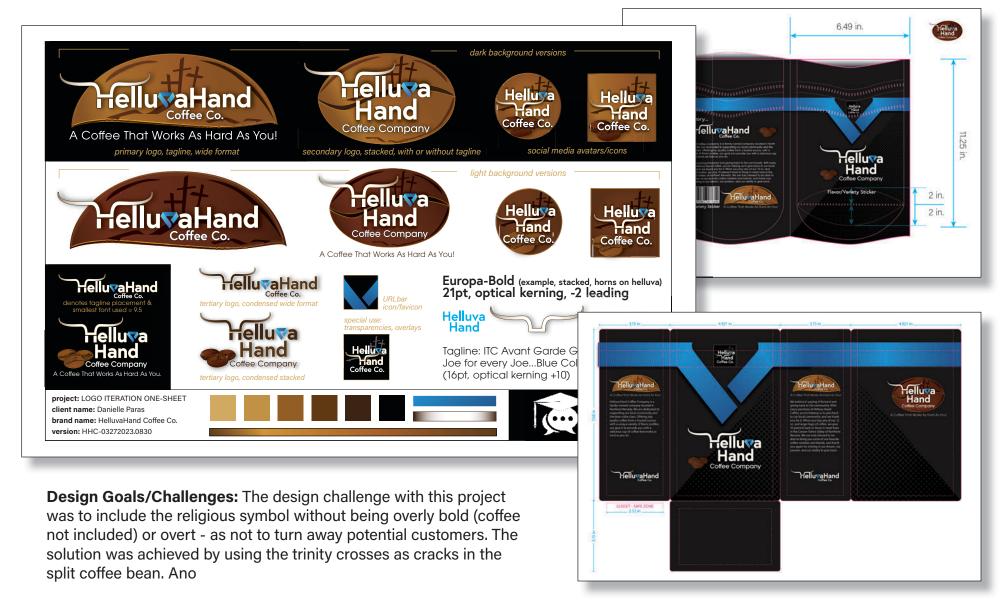
Design Goals/Challenges: The primary challenge with this client was in that she kept asking for/seeking the council of other professionals, not necessarily designers. This lead to confusion, and contstantly changing goals.

In the end, the Logo Iteration One-sheet was delivered, approved, and set to use. No other services offered, requested, or provided.



BRAND GUIDE ONE-SHEET: HELLUVA-HAND COFFEE

Logo Iteration Set, Package Design, Business card, Stickers





Software: Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign Skills: Design Layout, Project Management, Client Management/Engagement, Typography, Web Design

defining the company

BRAND NARRATIVE...

RushFire Private Lending is a privately owned non-traditional real estate finance company powered by technology. We provide asset-based financing for real estate entrepreneurs wholesaling, developing, and rehabilitating real estate within the state of Utah. We focus on wholesale short term, single family residential rehab, residential new construction, multi-family new construction, residential and commercial bridge loans, and other similar financing structures. We leverage our extensive investor network to fund entrepreneurial teams and creative businesses who need unique solutions to drive business and create value within their community.

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icons, badges, and flair clear space, typography, fonts and kerning scale of selected logo, and on all four sides at the outer headline font SUBHEADS Avenir, black, all caps, optical kerning + 200 Avenir, medium, standard lettering and optical kerning. SECONDARY SUBHEADS Sugested Headline: Subhead ratio -Avenir, heavy, all caps, optical kerning











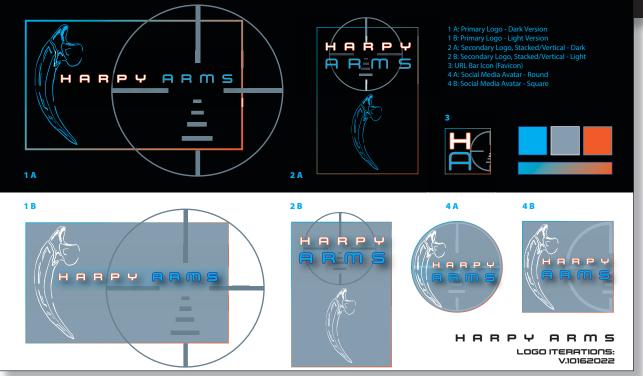
Design Goals/Challenges: The primary challenge with this project came from the client continuously changing their direction, scope, and different work styles. In the end, the client was delivered a project and branding package that they embraced - and asked for other projects to be worked on. Those did not come about, due to the same challenges.

BRANDING AND IDENTITY MINI PROJECTS

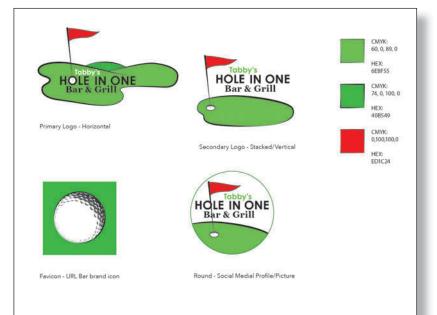
A Collection Of Mini-Branding Projects

Design Notes: This collection of mini branding projects was put here just to reflect and reiterate my ability to adapt to different styles and looks - based on the customers direction and input. Generally speaking, I'm proud of the work I've done, and with the ability to guide my clients from what they want, to what works (and ideally, what's best).



















BRANDED PACKAGING: NATURE FIRST PEST CONTROL

Box package design with brochure and additional packaging

Randy's Primal Rat Control System™ is the answer to rats that have become educated about traps and poison bait boxes. Our Primal Lure trap units include a hand tuned snap trap that is housed inside of our diversion box.

Over 30 years ago Randy's company, Nature First Pest Control, quit using poisons to control rat populations. Poisons don't work very well, and we now know they have a huge cost to our environment. For long-term rat control, we prefer to use our contraceptive dispensing systems.

Our diversion box design directs rats to approach the trap from only one angle to assure an accurate and humane quick kill. Simply use Randy's Primal Rat Lure™ with the provided seeds and hand-tuned trap. For installation tips and guidelines when using Randy's Primal Rat Control SystemTM, click the QR-Code below. Call or click to view our complete product line at NatureFirstPest.com:



INFORMATION & INSTRUCTION GUIDE

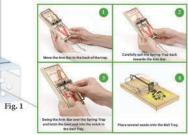




Setup & Deployment Guide:

1 Place the Diversion Box near or at the problem area.

Carefully set and then ∠ • place the provided trap inside the Diversion Box.



Note: Spring-Trap (fig. 2) should be towards the back of the Diversion Box (fig. 1)

Place 2-3 drops of Randy's **3.** Primal Rat Lure[™] to the pile of seeds on the Bait Trav.



Let Nature take its course. 4. Check back 2-3 times per day. Use skin protection when removing the carcus and released trap.



Follow along with our setup guide video:

Software: Illustrator, Photoshop

Skills: Package Desgin, Project Management, Client Management/ Engagement, Typography, **Content Writing**

> facebook.com/ RandysPrimalRatLure



Design Goals/Challenges: The primary challenge with this project was that the client kept changing the goal posts and direction. Once I was finally able to get through to him and set a clear goal and messaging (since he had little concept of branding), I was able to deliver a cohesive package design that ultimately met the goal of the branding I helped to establish...through constant 'coaching' on the target audience and what would resonate with them.

BRANDED PACKAGING: MY I-COVER

Box package with window display



Software: Illustrator, Photoshop, 3DS-Max (Autodesk)

Skills: Package Desgin, Project Management, Client Management/ Engagement, Typography, Content Writing





https://myicover.com/

Design Goals/Challenges: There were many challenges with this project. While I was originally asked to build the website as well, ultimately that went to someone else...thankfully. The real challenge was, yet again (though nearly last in the book, one of my first as a branding expert), a client that didn't know what they wanted and they kept getting advice and direction from other people. Then I was left to pick up the pieces and come up with another design. While the product's launch was always behind, the package was a success.

BRANDING IN THE MAKING: THE BRANDING GUIDE WORKBOOK

A self-help branding guide workbook for small businesses & entrepreneurs



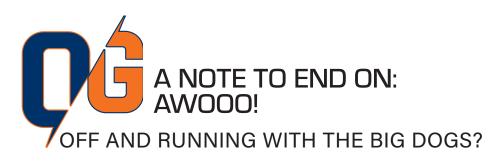
Design Notes: This book nearly wrote itself. Once I had the outline set, the information and content started pouring out of me. It is currently in print in its first edtion with a second editon that combines it with a compendium (written but not published). Soon to be published.

Software:

Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign

Skills: Technical Writing, Design Research, Design Layout, Printing & Prepress Management







So many things I could say in closing, but let's start here—I'm a branding designer who thrives on adapting to client needs, even when they aren't entirely sure what those are. Over the past nine years (since earning an MFA in Media Design), I've honed my craft in branding for small businesses and entrepreneurs, always looking for the right pack to run with. When I saw your post, I couldn't shake the feeling that this might just be it.

I'm a firm believer that great branding isn't just about visuals—it's about understanding, connection, and strategy. My clients trust me to bring their brands to life, and many return years later or recommend me to others. Like a loyal pup, I'm dedicated, adaptable, and eager to grow. I take direction well, ask thoughtful questions to understand different perspectives, and constantly strive to improve my skills.

I hope the work I've shared speaks for itself and shows that I'm the right fit for your team. While I have my own design style, I pride myself on my ability to adapt, collaborate, and elevate any brand's unique identity. And since I know you asked—my favorite breed? Jack-a-Poos—smart, energetic, and always ready for a challenge. Sound like a match? Let's talk!

To success of the journey ahead, Phillip Pickard Jones

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