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Rhianna focuses her practice on the defense of health care providers and facilities in medical liability litigation, licensing and disciplinary litigation, and related appeals. She has an extensive background in general liability defense, and has represented clients in complex negligence litigation, employment litigation, and appellate matters.

Rhianna also currently serves as courtesy instructor for the health law program at the University of Washington School of Law, teaching the medical malpractice course.

After graduating from the University of Washington School of Law in 2006, Rhianna clerked for the Honorable Stephen J. Dwyer of the Washington Court of Appeals, Division I. Rhianna has been selected to the Washington *Super Lawyers* “*Rising Stars*” list every year between 2011 and 2016.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Senior Associate, Bennett Bigelow & Leedom, P.S., Seattle, WA, July 2012 – present
- Associate, Patterson Buchanan Fobes Leitch & Kalzer, Inc., P.S., Seattle, WA, September 2007 – July 2012
- Law Clerk to the Honorable Stephen J. Dwyer, Washington Court of Appeals, Div. I, August 2006 – August 2007
- Law Clerk, Van Siclén, Stocks & Firkins, April 2005 – August 2006
- Legal Extern, Government Accountability Project, June 2004 – September 2004

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Selected to the Washington *Super Lawyers* “*Rising Stars*” list, 2011 – 2016

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Washington Women Lawyers, King County, Board Member, 2012 – 2015
- King County Bar Association Domestic Violence Impact Project, Pro Bono Attorney, 2010 – present
- Washington Defense Trial Lawyers Association
- Washington State Society of Healthcare Attorneys
- American Bar Association

EDUCATION

University of Washington School of Law, J.D.

Associate Editor-In-Chief, Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal

President, American Civil Liberties Union, UW Law School Chapter

Member, Public Interest Law Association

University of Puget Sound, B.A., Comparative Sociology

Recipient of Honors in Sociology

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Washington State Bar Association

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington