



Bruce W. Megard, Jr.
Shareholder
Phone: 206.622.5511
Email: bmegard@bblaw.com

Bruce is a trial lawyer and shareholder with Bennett Bigelow & Leedom. His practice involves defending health care institutions and medical professionals in medical negligence lawsuits. Bruce's practice also focuses on other civil litigation and health care matters, including insurance bad faith, certificate of need, physician credentialing and privileging, and administrative hearings with the Department of Health.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Shareholder, Bennett Bigelow & Leedom, P.S., Seattle, WA – 2005 to Present
Associate, Bennett Bigelow & Leedom, P.S., Seattle, WA – 1999 to 2005
Judicial Clerk, The Honorable Charles Mertel, King County Superior Court, Seattle, WA – 1997 to 1999

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- 2008 Rising Star, Washington Law and Politics
- 2004 Rising Star, Washington Law and Politics

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Washington State Society of Health Care Attorneys, Member, Board of Directors
- Defense Research Institute
- Washington Health Care Risk Management Society
- American Bar Association
 - ♦ ABA Litigation Section Health Law Committee
 - ♦ ABA Litigation Trial Practice Committee
- Washington State Bar Association
- King County Bar Association
- Oregon State Bar Association

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Electronic Medical Records: Understanding Legal Implications and Avoiding Pitfalls in Documentation, 32nd Annual National Conference: Advanced Practice in Primary and Acute Care, October 28-31, 2009.

Medical Malpractice Update, Washington State Society of Healthcare Attorneys Spring Hospital and Health Law Seminar, April 24, 2009.

Update on Credentialing, Washington State Society of Healthcare Attorneys Fall Hospital and Health Law Seminar, November 10, 2006.

2006 Update and Lessons Learned: Kadlec Medical Center v. Lakeview Anesthesia Associates, Lakeview Regional Medical Center, et al., Washington Association of Medical Staff Services Annual Conference, 2006.

Liability and Psychiatry/Mental Health, Pacific Northwest 28th Annual Conference for Advanced Practice in Primary & Acute Care, 2005.

Standard of Care, Informed Consent, and the Mental Health Care Professional, Washington Community Mental Health Council “Law and Ethics” Seminar, November 29, 2001.

Washington’s Patient Bill of Rights – What does it say; what does it mean?, Healthcare Financial Management Association Workshop & Meeting, May 18, 2000.

Tithing and Fraudulent Transfers in Bankruptcy: Confirming a Trustee’s Power to Avoid the Tithes After City of Boerne v. Flores, 71 Am. Bankr. L.J. 413 (1997)

EDUCATION

Gonzaga University School of Law, J.D., 1997, *Magna Cum Laude*
Gonzaga Law Review, Associate Editor
Dean’s Honors List: Fall 1995, Spring, 1996, Fall 1996, Spring 1997

University of Washington, B.S., Psychology, 1992

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Washington State
Oregon State
United States District Court, Western District of Washington
United States District Court, Eastern District of Washington

PUBLISHED DECISIONS

Folise v. Folise, 113 Wn. App. 609, 54 P.2d 222 (2002).