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Liz is an experienced trial lawyer who has represented hospitals, physicians and other providers in medical malpractice cases for nearly 25 years. She focuses on cases involving obstetrics spine surgery, breast cancer and other areas. In addition to her work with health care providers, she has represented medical device and product manufacturers. Liz has tried over 35 malpractice cases to verdict. She is regularly included on the “*Super Lawyers*” list by *Washington Law and Politics* magazine.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Top 50 Women Lawyers – 2007 *Washington Law & Politics*
- Harborview Medical Center Mission of Caring Award 2005

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

American Board of Trial Advocates –Washington Chapter

- Past President – 2007
- Advancement in Rank – 2006
- President – 2006
- President-Elect – 2005
- Vice President – 2004
- Treasurer – 2003
- Secretary – 2002
- Elected to membership – 1995

Washington State Bar Association

- Law School Liaison Committee – 1984 to 1987
- Bar Examiner – 1995 to 1998
- Continuing Legal Education Committee – 1995 to 1998
- Lawyers Assistance Program Committee – 2004 to 2007

Washington Defense Trial Lawyers

- Professional Liability Committee, Chair – 1992 to 1995
- Amicus Committee, member – 1989 to present

Washington Women Lawyers

- Board of Directors – 1989 to 1991

University of Washington School of Law

- Taught 2nd and 3rd year Evidence Course – Winter 1999
- Lecturer on Medical Malpractice – 1995 to present

University of Washington School of Medicine

- Member, Medical Affairs Development Council – 1999 to present
- Member, University of Washington Medicine Campaign Cabinet – 2004 to present
- Lecturer, Selected Risk Management Issues, University of Washington School of Medicine, Departments of Cardiology, Surgery, Obstetrics and Neurosurgery – 1991 to present
- Board Member, University of Washington Physicians Network – 2000 to present
- Treasurer, University of Washington Physicians Network – 2004 to present

Medic One Foundation

- Board Member – 2002 to present
- Co-chair, Major Gifts Committee – 2007 to present

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Medical Legal Issues in Neurologic Surgery,” Chapter in Youman’s Neurologic Surgery Text, Fifth ed. (2003)

“Electronic Medical Records: Friend or Foe?”, Grand Rounds, Swedish Medical Center, May 2008

“Handling Damages in Complex Personal Injury Cases” Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, Mid-Winter Meeting – 2007

“Lessons Learned: Problem Avoidance in Clinical Practice,” The Seattle Surgical Society Annual Scientific Program & The University of Washington Department of Surgery Harkins Symposium, Seattle, Washington – 2005

“Top Ten Ways to Reduce Litigation Risk in a Spine Practice,” North American Spine Fellows Symposium, Banff, Alberta, Canada – 2004

Faculty, National Institute of Trial Advocacy, Trial Academy, Reno, Nevada – 2002

“Top Ten Mistakes Plaintiffs Make in Medical Malpractice Cases,” Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, Whistler, British Columbia – 2002

“Informed Consent,” Group Health Cooperative, Seattle, Washington – 2000, 2001

“Risk Management Issues in Breast Cancer Cases,” Group Health Cooperative, Seattle and Tacoma, Washington – 1999

“Masters in Trial Program,” American Board of Trial Advocates, Seattle, Washington – 1998, 1999, 2001, 2006

“Winning the Battle of Experts,” Washington State Bar Association, Seattle, Washington – 1997

“Application of the Fisons Decision to the Legal Practitioner and the Avoidance of CR 11 Sanction,” Washington Defense Trial Lawyers Association, Seattle, Washington – 1996

“The Legal Team: What Paralegals Can Do In Your Practice,” Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, Seattle, Washington – 1994

“Working with Expert Witnesses,” Washington Defense Trial Lawyers, Seattle, Washington – 1994

“Wake-Up Call In The Pharmaceutical Industry,” Federation of Insurance and Corporate Counsel (FICC), Mid-Winter Meeting, Maui, Hawaii – 1994

“Lessons for Health Care Providers,” Federation of Insurance and Corporate Counsel (FICC), 1994 Annual Meeting, Whistler, B.C. – 1994

“Orthopedics for Attorneys,” Seattle, Washington – 1993

“Confidentiality of Medical Records,” Seattle, Washington – 1992 and 1993

“Effective Mediation Techniques,” Washington Women Lawyers, Seattle, Washington – 1992

“The Care and Feeding of Expert Witnesses,” Seattle King County Bar Association, Seattle, Washington – 1992

“Effective Motions Practice,” Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, Seattle, Washington – 1992

“Proving Damages in Washington,” Seattle, Washington – 1992

“Demonstration of the Struck Method of Jury Selection,” Washington Defense Trial Lawyers Annual Convention, Vancouver, British Columbia – 1992

“You are Summoned, a Mock Trial for Physicians,” Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound, Seattle and Tacoma, Washington – 1991 and 1992

“Demonstration of a Trial,” Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, Vancouver, Washington – 1991

“Medical Malpractice in Washington,” National Business Institute, Seattle, Washington – 1989

EDUCATION

University of Washington, J.D., with honors
Honors: Order of the Coif; Order of the
Barristers

University of Washington, B.A., with honors
Honors: *Phi Beta Kappa*

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Washington State Bar Association
United States District Court, Western District of Washington

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