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Jennifer is a trial attorney focusing on defense of medical malpractice claims against hospitals, physicians and other health care providers. In addition to medical malpractice lawsuits, she represents healthcare providers in arbitration hearings and before administrative and disciplinary boards, and advises health care systems on quality improvement and credentialing matters. Jennifer has further experience working on product liability claims including drug and medical device lawsuits, asbestos-related matters, and with multi-district litigation of pharmaceutical claims. She practices in state and federal court, and at the appellate level. In addition to being named a Washington *Super Lawyers* “*Rising Star*” three consecutive years, Jennifer was selected to Washington *Super Lawyers* in 2016, 2017 and 2018, and was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*© for 2019.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Successfully defended a gynecologist in a three-week trial regarding claimed medical negligence for a venous injury sustained during a hysterectomy.
- Successfully defended a pediatrician in a four-week trial regarding claimed medical negligence in caring for an infant who developed hyperbilirubinemia.
- Successfully defended an obstetrician in a five-week trial regarding claimed medical negligence while managing a prolapsed cord during a labor and delivery.
- Secured dismissal of claims by a donor against a plasma company for claimed negligence at the trial court and appellate level.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Bennett Bigelow & Leedom, P.S., Shareholder, 2015–present
- Bennett Bigelow & Leedom, P.S., Associate, 2010–2014
- Williams Kastner & Gibbs PLLC, Associate, 2004–2010
- Williams Kastner & Gibbs PLLC, Summer Associate, 2003
- Demco Law Firm P.S., Legal Intern, 2002–2003
- Khattar Wong & Partners, Singapore, Summer Intern, 2002

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*© for 2019
- Selected to the Washington *Super Lawyers* list, 2016, 2017, 2018
- Selected to the Washington *Super Lawyers* “*Rising Stars*” list, 2010, 2011, 2012

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Defense Research Institute (DRI), Young Lawyers Committee, Steering Committee Member, 2005–2012
- Washington Defense Trial Lawyers (WDTL)
- Washington Health Care Risk Management Society (WHCRMS)
- American Society of Healthcare Risk Management (ASHRM)
- Mother Attorneys Mentoring Association of Seattle (“MAMA Seattle”)
- International Association of Defense Counsel Trial Academy, Participant, 2007
- Parent Volunteer, St. Joseph School, 2014-2018
- Ladder Down Seattle, Graduate, 2016
- Mock Trial Coach, Lakeside School, 2018
- Parent Volunteer, Holy Rosary School, 2018-present

MEDIA COVERAGE

- “Leader Spotlight,” *The Voice*, DRI, February 17, 2010

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Co-Presenter, “Risk Management Tips for OB Nurses”, Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric & Neonatal Nurses’ Washington Fall Conference, October 2018
- Co-Presenter, “Risk Management Implications & Considerations of Ricky’s Law”, WHCRMS Education Session, April 2018
- Presenter, “Myth-Busting from the Legal Perspective”, Washington State Medical Association’s *Improving Value in Health Care: The Choosing Wisely® Summit*, October 2017
- Co-Presenter, “Medical Records Law”, NBI Seminar, May 2017

- Co-Presenter, “Tips on How to Protect Yourself from Malpractice”, American College of Physicians – Washington Chapter, April 2011
- Co-Author, “Client Alert: Court of Appeals’ Decision Requires Hospital to Search its Quality Assurance Database to Respond to Discovery Requests,” January 31, 2011.
- Author, “*Poliner v. Texas Health Systems: Confirming Peer Review Immunity,*” *Washington Healthcare News*, May 2009.
- Author, “Attorney-Client and Work Product: Past and Upcoming Changes to the Federal Rules,” *For The Defense*, February 2008.
- Contributing Author, “Your Obligations to Patients Who Speak Limited English,” *Neurology Today*, June 5, 2007.
- Co-Author, “Meaningful Access to All: Health Care and Limited English Proficiency Patients,” *For The Defense*, November 2005.
- Co-Author, “Pediatric Suicide and Anti-Depressants: An Overview of Regulatory Actions, FDA Warnings and *Daubert* Challenges,” *For The Defense*, June 2005.
- Contributing Editor, *Tort Law Desk Reference: A Fifty-State Compendium*, Washington State chapter, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 editions

EDUCATION

Seattle University School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*

Presidential Scholar, 2001-2004

Seattle University Law Review, Associate Editor, 2002-2003, Managing Editor, 2003-2004

National University of Singapore School of Law, Study Abroad Program

University of Washington, B.A., Political Science

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