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Liz is an experienced trial lawyer who has represented hospitals, physicians and other providers in medical malpractice cases for over 33 years. She has special expertise on cases involving obstetrics, neurosurgery, anesthesia and emergency medicine. In addition to her work with health care providers, she has represented medical device and product manufacturers. She is regularly selected on the “Super Lawyers” list, most recently in 2019 when she was also selected to the Top 50 Women Lawyers. She was also selected to Best Lawyers® 2020 list in the Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants section. Most recently, Liz has been invited to serve on University of Washington Medicine’s Oversight Committee for the Collaborative for Accountability and Improvement.

#### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

- American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow
- International Society of Barristers, Fellow
- Selected to the Washington *Super Lawyers* list, 2003-present
- Selected to the Washington *Super Lawyers* “*Top 50 Women Lawyers*” list, 2007-present
- Selected to the Washington *Super Lawyers* “*Top 100 Lawyers*” list, 2013-2016
- Selected to *Best Lawyers in America*, Medical Malpractice Law – Defense, 2012 to present
- Selected as *Top Lawyer of the Year*, *Best Lawyers in America*, Medical Malpractice Law – Defense, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018
- American Board of Trial Advocates, Washington Chapter, Trial Lawyer of the Year, 2012
- Harborview Medical Center Mission of Caring Award, 2005

#### **PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

##### **American Board of Trial Advocates – Washington Chapter**

- National Board member 2014-2017
- Past President, 2007
- Advancement in rank, 2006
- President, 2006
- President-Elect, 2005
- Vice President, 2004
- Treasurer, 2003
- Secretary, 2002
- Elected to membership, 1995

**American College of Trial Lawyers**

- Elected to Fellowship, 2010
- State Committee Member, Washington, 2011 – 2014

**International Society of Barristers**

- Elected to Fellowship, 2013 (first woman member from Washington Chapter)

**Litigation Counsel of America**

- Elected to Fellowship, 2012

**Washington State Bar Association**

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

**Washington Defense Trial Lawyers**

- Professional Liability Committee, Chair, 1992-1995
- Amicus Committee, Member, 1989-2005

**Washington Women Lawyers**

- Board of Directors, 1989-1991

**University of Washington School of Law**

- Lecturer, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year Evidence Course, Winter 1999
- Lecturer on Medical Malpractice, 1995-present
- Lecturer, Medical Malpractice Course, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018

**University of Washington School of Medicine**

- Member, Medical Affairs Development Council, 1999-2010
- Member, University of Washington Medicine Campaign Cabinet, 2004-2010
- Lecturer, Selected Risk Management Issues, University of Washington School of Medicine, Departments of Cardiology, Surgery, Obstetrics and Neurosurgery, 1991-present
- Board Member, University of Washington Physicians Network, 2000-2010
- Treasurer, University of Washington Physicians Network, 2004-2006

**Medic One Foundation**

- Board Member, 2002-2010
- Co-chair, Major Gifts Committee, 2007- 2010

**Little Bit Therapeutic Riding Center**

- Board Member, 2013-2015

**Washington Patient Safety Foundation**

- Communication and Resolution Program (CRP), 2012-present
- CRP Implementation Committee, 2017-present

## **PUBLICATIONS AND SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

*“Medical Legal Issues in Neurologic Surgery,”* Chapter in Youmans Neurologic Surgery Text, Fifth ed., 2004

*Mazama Spine Summit-Mock Trial*, 2017

*American College of Physicians, Washington Chapter: EMR Update*, 2016

*Cardiovascular Research Foundation: Anatomy of a Defense, Lessons learned*, 2016

*Masters in Trial*, American Board of Trial Advocates, Minnesota Chapter, 2016

*Medical Malpractice Update: Hospital Risk Management Summit*, 2015

*Case Law Update* Washington State Society of Health Care Attorneys, 2015

*American Society of Anesthesiologists: Risk Mitigation*, 2014

*Washington Health Care and Risk Management Society: Panel Presentation*, 2014

*Seattle University School of Law: Trial Advocacy-Opening Statements*, 2014

*Group Health Cooperative: Risk Mitigation for Obstetric Nurses*, 2014

*Physicians Insurance-Case Presentation, Lessons Learned for Family Medicine Residents*, 2013-present

*“EMR in Malpractice Litigation,”* Grand Rounds, Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, April 2013

*“EMR and Malpractice” and “Medical Marijuana: Medical and Legal Issues,”* American College of Physicians, Washington Chapter, November 2012

*“Creative Use of Graphics at Trial,”* Federal Bar Association, Eastern District of Washington, CLE, May 2012 *“Risk Management Tips,”* American College of Physicians, Washington Chapter, November 2011

*“Risks and Rewards of EMRs: What You Don’t Know Can Hurt You,”* Washington State Medical Association, May 2011

*“Electronic Medical Records in the Litigation Context,”* Everett Clinic CME, January 2010

*“Electronic Medical Records for the Healthcare Information Manager,”* Washington State Healthcare Information Management Association, May 2010

*“Medical Legal Tips and Trends in Neurological Surgery,”* Washington Association of Neurological Surgeons, May 2010

*“Electronic Medical Records Update,”* Grand Rounds, Swedish Medical Center, October 2009

*“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

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

*“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

*“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, 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, 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*, 1984

Honors: Order of the Coif; Order of the Barristers

**University of Washington, B.A.,** *with honors*, 1981

Honors: *Phi Beta Kappa*

#### **BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS**

Washington State Bar Association

U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington