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Amy Forbis is a Shareholder at Bennett Bigelow & Leedom, P.S. For over 30 years, Ms. Forbis has focused her practice on the representation of physicians, clinics and hospitals. Over her career she has represented clients in dozens of jury trials. She represents health care providers in medical negligence lawsuits, arbitration hearings and before administrative and disciplinary boards. She is regularly selected to the Washington *Super Lawyers* list, as well as to the Washington *Super Lawyers* “50 Top Women Lawyers” list.

Ms. Forbis is a Member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (“ABOTA”), which is a national association of experienced trial lawyers and judges dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the civil jury trial. In ABOTA, she has served in multiple roles including: Past President – 2015, President – 2014, President-Elect – 2013, Vice President – 2012, Treasurer – 2011 and Secretary – 2010.

Ms. Forbis also is a fellow in the Litigation Counsel of America, which is a trial lawyer honorary society composed of less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers. Fellowship in the Litigation Counsel of America is highly selective and by invitation only. Fellows are selected based upon evaluations of excellence, effectiveness and accomplishment in litigation, and superior ethical reputation. She has spoken at numerous Continuing Legal Education seminars, hospitals, clinics and medical and health care professional schools, served on committees for Washington Women Lawyers and presently is a member of the Arnold Guild for Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and a Board Member of MultiCare South King Health Foundation.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

November, 2015	<i>Latimer v. Physician</i>	King County	Jury trial
Defense verdict	in claim failure to properly treat an OB patient.		
March, 2015	<i>Mwinga v. Physician</i>	King County	Jury trial
Defense verdict	in claim of fetal demise.		
December, 2014	<i>Miller v. Physician</i>	King County	Jury trial
Defense verdict	in wrongful death claim resulting from gastric bypass surgery.		
October, 2014	<i>Thomas v. Physician</i>	Spokane County	Jury trial
Defense verdict	in claim for failure to properly treat newborn resulting in permanent injuries.		

October, 2010	<i>Costales v. Hospital</i>	King County	Jury trial
Defense verdict in claim for failure to properly treat respiratory distress and EMTALA claim.			
October, 2009	<i>Martin v. Physician</i>	Whatcom County	Jury trial
Defense verdict in claim for failure to properly respond to respiratory distress.			
June, 2007	<i>Morton v. Physician</i>	King County	Jury trial
Defense verdict in claim for failure to diagnose TB before lobectomy performed.			
June, 2004	<i>Morton v. Physician</i>	King County	Jury trial
Dismissal on first day of trial in claim for failure to diagnose TB before lobectomy performed. Appealed to Court of Appeals.			
July, 2003	<i>Farmer v. Physician</i>	King County	Jury trial
Defense verdict in claim of failure to diagnose rectal cancer.			
July, 2001	<i>Merzoian v. Physician</i>	Lewis County	Jury trial
Defense verdict in claim of injury from repair of pneumothorax.			
May, 2001	<i>Gillette v. Physician</i>	Thurston County	Jury trial
Defense verdict in claim of injury from posting of post-surgical pictures on a website.			
May, 2001	<i>Brewer v. Physician</i>	Island County	Jury trial
Defense verdict in claim of injury of failure to diagnose TIA.			
October, 1996	<i>Mechals v. Physician</i>	King County	Jury trial
Defense verdict in claim of injury during surgical procedure, resulting in facial paralysis.			
June, 1996	<i>Ahrens v. Physician</i>	Kitsap County	Jury trial
Defense verdict in claim of improper care of obstetrical patient, resulting in significant injury to child.			
January, 1996	<i>Akins v. Physician</i>	Benton County	Jury trial
Defense verdict in claim of wrongful death due to improper use and management of Optifast diet product.			
October, 1995	<i>Norquist v. Physician</i>	King County	Jury trial
Defense verdict in claim of improper use and over-prescription of psychiatric medication, Xanax.			
June, 1995	<i>Craig v. Physician</i>	Pierce County	Jury trial
Defense verdict in claim of injury to ureter during GYN surgery resulting in permanent injury to kidney.			
July, 1994	<i>Weir v. Physician</i>	King County	Jury trial
Defense verdict in claim of injury to bowel during GYN surgery resulting permanent injury and disability.			

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Selected to the Washington *Super Lawyers* list, 2003 – Present
- Selected to the Washington *Super Lawyers* “*Top 50 Women Lawyers*” list, 2007, 2013-2015
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV Rated

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- American Board of Trial Advocates, Washington Chapter
Past President - 2015
President - 2014
President Elect - 2013
Vice President - 2012
Treasurer - 2011
Secretary - 2010
- Washington Defense Trial Lawyers
- King County Bar Association
- Washington Health Care Risk Management Society
- Arnold Guild for Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
- MultiCare South King Health Foundation, Board Member
- International Society of Barristers, Fellow

EDUCATION

Gonzaga University School of Law, J.D., 1983 Washington State University, B.A., Criminal Justice, 1980

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Washington State Bar Association
Oregon State Bar
U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington