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Eric defends hospitals, clinics, healthcare facilities, and nursing homes, as well as individual physicians, dentists, and mental health service providers against allegations of medical negligence, and assists clients in Medical Quality Assurance Commission investigations, and credentialing matters in both Washington and Idaho.

Eric also represents the insureds of local and national insurance providers, defending individuals, partnerships, sole proprietorships and corporations in complex negligence actions in Washington and Idaho state and federal courts.

Although the vast majority of Eric's legal work is limited to defending clients against accusations of negligence, Eric represents plaintiffs on a limited basis in the absence of a conflict in automobile collisions, bicycle accidents, and pedestrian hit and run incidents. He also represents clients who suffered injury resulting from sexual assault, molestation, harassment, and incest who are involved in civil litigation to facilitate future treatment, recovery and retribution.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Successfully prosecuted more than 20 felony and misdemeanor criminal jury and bench trials, advocating on behalf of the State of Washington, Spokane County, Stevens County, Ferry County, and the municipalities of Colville, Spokane, Chewelah, Kettle Falls, and Davenport.
- Successfully litigated a one-week trial concerning negligent design of municipal sewer systems.
- Successfully defended a cardiologist in a one-week trial regarding wrongful death, loss-of-chance and claimed medical negligence.
- Successfully defended a client arbitrating contract claims concerning real property sales and obtained an award of attorney's fees and costs.
- Secured dismissal of claims against a business and its employees alleging conversion, assault, battery, and consumer protection act claims.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Bennett Bigelow & Leedom, P.S., Associate, 2017-Present
- Keefe Bowman & Bruya, P.S., Associate, 2013-2016
- Stamper Rubens, P.S., Associate, 2010-2013
- Stevens County Prosecutor's Office, State of Washington, Deputy, 2007-2010
- Spokane County Prosecutor's Office, State of Washington, Intern, 2005-2007

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Spokane County Bar Association, CLE Committee
- Catholic Charities Spokane, Board of Directors
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Spokane, Board of Directors
- Spokane Powderhounds, Special Olympics Ski Program

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Selected to the Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch list, 2021
Insurance Law
Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATION

- Author and Presenter, "Bicycle Law: Washington's Rules of the Road," January 2013

EDUCATION

- National Computer Forensics Institute, graduate
- Gonzaga University School of Law, J.D.
- Gonzaga University, B.A. History, B.A. Philosophy

BAR AND COURT ADMISSION

- Washington State Bar Association
- Idaho State Bar Association
- Idaho Federal Bar Association
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington