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Eric defends hospitals, clinics, healthcare facilities, and nursing homes, as well as individual physicians, dentists, pharmacists and mental health service providers against allegations of medical negligence, and assists clients in Washington Medical Commission investigations, insurance grievances, 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 in personal injury actions involving motor vehicle collisions, sexual assaults, and anti-harassment to facilitate future treatment, recovery and retribution.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Successfully prosecuted felony and misdemeanor criminal jury and bench trials in Spokane County, Stevens County, and Ferry County.
- Efficiently litigated multiple personal injury cases against municipalities, corporations and individuals on behalf of the Plaintiff.
- Defended numerous health care providers, including hospitals and clinics, as well as cardiologists, intensivists, surgeons, and emergency-medicine physicians against allegations of medical negligence.
- Effectively defended and prosecuted real property claims involving unlawful detainer, foreclosure, seizure, easements, water-use, and adverse possession and other matters.
- Secured dismissal of claims against Washington and Idaho corporations involving allegations of corporate negligence, and consumer protection act claims.
- Appointed as Special Assistant Attorney General to represent the State of Washington.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Bennett Bigelow & Leedom, P.S., Shareholder, 2021 - Present
- Bennett Bigelow & Leedom, P.S., Associate, 2017 - 2020
- 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

- Washington State Bar Association
- Washington Defense Trial Lawyers Association
- Spokane County Bar Association, CLE Committee
- Catholic Charities 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
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington