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Bruce is a Washington native and has been with Bennett Bigelow & Leedom since 1999. A long-time Shareholder, Bruce became the firm's President & Managing Director in 2018.

Bruce's practice focuses on a number of areas involving the representation of health care providers. His practice includes representing physicians, hospitals, multi-specialty clinics, academic medical centers, nurses, therapists, and other health care providers in professional liability/medical negligence litigation in civil courts and at arbitration. He also represents health care professionals in licensing and disciplinary actions involving the Washington State Department of Health, Medical Quality Assurance Commission. Bruce's practice includes representing hospitals in privileging and medical staff matters and providing advice and guidance to hospitals and medical centers regarding their Bylaws and Fair Hearing Plans.

Bruce is licensed to practice law in Washington and Oregon. His experience includes civil jury trials in both state and federal courts, presenting oral argument to appellate courts, state administrative agency hearings, and hospital medical staff proceedings. In 2017, he was accepted into the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) and became a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation in 2020. Bruce has consistently been named as a Washington Super Lawyer since 2013 and was named a Best Lawyer in America in 2021 in the Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants and Litigation - Health Care sections.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Bennett Bigelow & Leedom, P.S., Seattle, WA
 - President & Managing Director, 2018 to Present
 - Co-Managing Director, 2016 to 2018
 - Shareholder/Director, 2005 to Present
 - Associate, 1999 to 2005
- Judicial Clerk, The Honorable Charles Mertel, King County Superior Court – 1997 to 1999

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Selected to the Washington *Super Lawyers* list, 2013 - 2020
- Selected to the Washington *Rising Stars* list, 2004 and 2008
- Inducted into the American Board of Trial Advocates, 2017
- *The Best Lawyers in America*©, 2021
Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants
Litigation - Health Care

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation, Member
- American Board of Trial Attorneys, National Board Representative
- Washington State Society of Healthcare Attorneys, Member, Past Member of Board of Directors
- Defense Research Institute
- Washington Health Care Risk Management Society
- American Bar Association
 - ABA Litigation Section Health Law Committee
 - ABA Litigation Trial Practice Committee
- King County Bar Association
- Sound Mental Health, Past Member of Board of Directors
- Seattle Girls Choir, Past Member of Board of Directors

APPELLATE DECISIONS

Odyssey Healthcare Operating BLP v. Washington State Dept. of Health, 145 Wn. App.131, 185 P.3d 652 (2008) (published).

Johnson v. UW Medicine, 138 Wn. App. 1063 (2007) (unpublished).

Perkins v. Franciscan Health System, 130 Wn. App. 1017 (2005) (unpublished).

Folise v. Folise, 113 Wn. App. 609, 54 P.2d 222 (2002) (published).

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

EMR in Malpractice Litigation: Case Examples and Tips, University of Washington School of Medicine Department of Radiology, January 2020

Anatomy of a Lawsuit: Defense Perspective with Case Analysis, 2019 Meltdown: Lessons Learned in Interventional Radiology, November 9, 2019

Electronic Medical Records: Legal Implications and Potential Risk Management Issues, Washington State Orthopedic Association & Washington-Bones, October 22, 2011.

Electronic Medical Records: Legal Implications and Avoiding Pitfalls, North Pacific Pediatric Society 182nd Scientific Conference, March 11, 2011.

Physician Peer Review and Corrective Action: Recent Developments in Physician Peer Review and Corrective Action, Washington Health Care Law: Current Trends and Development, June 9, 2010.

Electronic Medical Records: Understanding Legal Implications and Avoiding Pitfalls in Documentation, 32nd Annual National Conference: Advanced Practice in Primary and Acute Care, October 28-31, 2009.

Medical Malpractice Update, Washington State Society of Healthcare Attorneys Spring Hospital and Health Law Seminar, April 24, 2009.

Update on Credentialing, Washington State Society of Healthcare Attorneys Fall Hospital and Health Law Seminar, November 10, 2006.

2006 Update and Lessons Learned: Kadlec Medical Center v. Lakeview Anesthesia Associates, Lakeview Regional Medical Center, et al., Washington Association of Medical Staff Services Annual Conference, 2006.

Liability and Psychiatry/Mental Health, Pacific Northwest 28th Annual Conference for Advanced Practice in Primary & Acute Care, 2005.

Standard of Care, Informed Consent, and the Mental Health Care Professional, Washington Community Mental Health Council “Law and Ethics” Seminar, November 29, 2001.

Washington’s Patient Bill of Rights – What does it say; what does it mean?, Healthcare Financial Management Association Workshop & Meeting, May 18, 2000.

Tithing and Fraudulent Transfers in Bankruptcy: Confirming a Trustee’s Power to Avoid the Tithes After City of Boerne v. Flores, 71 Am. Bankr. L.J. 413 (1997).

EDUCATION

Gonzaga University School of Law, J.D., 1997, *Magna Cum Laude*
Gonzaga Law Review, Associate Editor

University of Washington, B.S., Psychology, 1992

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

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