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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 Washington *Super Lawyers*® list, most recently in 2020 when she was also selected to the Top 50 Women Lawyers. She was also selected to Best Lawyers® 2021 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, 2020
- 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

- Senior Fellow, 2021
- 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, 2nd and 3rd 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