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Rachel’s practice focuses on the representation of health professionals as well as hospitals and other medical facilities, in medical malpractice actions. She also advises and defends healthcare professionals in licensing matters and disciplinary proceedings. Rachel also has extensive experience defending her clients in actions involving premises liability, product liability, wrongful death, construction defect, and commercial disputes.

Prior to joining BB&L, Rachel worked at other premier Pacific Northwest civil-litigation defense firms where she handled a large and varied caseload. There, she represented healthcare professionals and medical facilities in medical malpractice lawsuits and class actions as well as individuals and entities in commercial litigation and general liability matters, including those involving catastrophic loss.

Rachel is licensed to practice in Washington and Oregon.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Associate, Bennett, Bigelow & Leedom, P.S. 2021 – Present
- Associate, Betts Patterson Mines 2020 – 2021
- Associate, Fain Anderson VanDerhoef O’Halloran Spillane, PLLC 2017 – 2020
- Senior Associate, Scheer & Zehnder, LLP 2013 – 2017
- Senior Associate, Law Office of Robert Arim 2011 – 2013

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

- Selected to the Washington *Super Lawyers Rising Stars*® list, 2020

**PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- King County Bar Association
- Washington Defense Trial Lawyers

**EDUCATION & ACTIVITIES**

**Pepperdine School of Law**, Juris Doctor, 2010  
Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution Certificate

**University of Washington**, B.A., Law Society and Justice, *cum laude*, 2007

**BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS**

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