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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 has been included in *The Best Lawyers in America*® since 2021.

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

#### AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Selected to the Washington *Super Lawyers* list, 2013 - 2021
- Selected to the Washington *Rising Stars* list, 2004 and 2008
- Inducted into the American Board of Trial Advocates, 2017
- Selected to the *The Best Lawyers in America*
  - Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants, 2020 – 2022
  - Litigation - Health Care, 2021 – 2022

## 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 182<sup>nd</sup> 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*, 32<sup>nd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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