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Rachel’s practice focuses on the representation of healthcare professionals as well as hospitals and other medical facilities in medical malpractice actions in Washington and Oregon. She also advises and defends healthcare professionals in licensing matters and disciplinary proceedings. In addition, Rachel 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

- Shareholder, Bennett Bigelow & Leedom, P.S. 2024 – Present
- Associate, Bennett Bigelow & Leedom, P.S. 2021 – 2023
- 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* list, 2024
- Selected to the *Washington Super Lawyers Rising Stars®* list, 2020

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Mother Attorneys Mentoring Association of Seattle (“MAMA Seattle”)
- Latter Down Seattle
- Washington Health Care Risk Management Society
- 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