

Natalie A. Heineman

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Natalie's civil litigation practice focuses on the defense of licensed professionals and organizations including physicians, nursing homes, attorneys, as well as operators and owners of commercial and passenger vehicles. She also defends retailers in premises liability and pharmacy cases.

Natalie also investigates and defends catastrophic injury and wrongful death claims, including accident reconstruction and regulatory compliance matters. Natalie has successfully tried five cases to verdict in the past four years.

Natalie previously practiced civil litigation defense in Boston, Massachusetts before relocating to Seattle in 2015.

PRACTICE EMPHASIS AND EXPERIENCE

- Accident Investigation
- Automobile Liability/Transportation
- Medical Malpractice Defense
- General Liability Defense
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability
- Professional Liability

RECOGNITION

- Super Lawyers – Washington “Rising Star” 2017
- Massachusetts “Rising Star” 2014, 2015
- American Society of Authors, Composers and Publishers, 2006 National Writing Competition, 2nd Place Winner
- Clerk to the Hon. Rosalind Miller, Dorchester District Court, 2005

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Five Washington Superior Court jury trials to defense verdict between 2015-2019 representing health care professionals against negligence and wrongful death claims.
- Rule 12(b)(6) dismissal of discrimination lawsuit against national retailer in U.S. District Court



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EDUCATION

J.D., Suffolk University Law School,
2007

- Journal of High Technology Law
B. A., University of Arizona, 1999

BAR / COURT ADMISSIONS

State of Washington

U. S. District Court, Western District of
Washington

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- Summary judgment dismissal of lawsuits against health care professionals for failure to make prime facie case on all elements of claims.
- Summary judgment dismissals of Consumer Protection Act claims against health care professionals and organizations.
- Secured early resolution for pharmaceutical client in admitted liability case involving prescription miss-fill.
- Represented two labor and delivery nurses against claims of negligence resulting in alleged permanent cognitive impairment in infant child. Obtained defense verdict (second chair).
- Represented nursing home oral surgeon, and other health care providers, in claims negligence and violation of Consumer Protection Act. Obtained summary judgment on Consumer Protection Act violations.
- Represented insurer for chiropractic clients in action for declaratory judgment concerning insurance coverage for alleged sexual assault. Obtained summary judgment.

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Washington State Bar Association
- Washington Defense Trial Lawyers
- Defense Research Institute (DRI) – Nursing Home Subcommittee
- Washington Health Care Risk Management Society
- KCBA Judicial Survey Committee

ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter: “Nursing Home Litigation Defense in Washington State: Current Case Law and Defense Strategies”
- Presenter: “Wrongful Death Law in Washington State after 2019 Enactment of Senate Bill 5163”
- Presenter: Challenging *Harris v. Drake*: Key Cases and Strategies for the Defense
- Presenter: CLE Seminar “Causation: Recent Developments and Considerations for Challenging Plaintiffs Experts” (2016)
- Presenter: “Covenant Judgements in Washington State” (2016)
- Author: “Negligent Credentialing in Massachusetts: Implications of *Rabelo v. Nasif*,” Massachusetts Medical Society Journal (2014)
- Author: “Computer Software Derivative Works,” 8 J. High Tech. L. 235 (2008)