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Matt Wojcik is a litigator who defends clients in complex civil matters and class actions, primarily in the areas of product liability, medical malpractice, professional liability, catastrophic injuries, class actions, toxic torts, and construction defect litigation. Matt has over 20 years of trial, arbitration and mediation experience in the federal, state and tribal courts of Washington, Oregon, and Alaska. He has substantial experience representing physicians, hospitals, attorneys, engineers, architects, construction contractors, product manufacturers, and insurance companies. As a frequent speaker, Matt assists clients in developing risk management strategies to minimize liability claims and related litigation. In addition to his litigation practice, Matt is a certified mediator, having been trained at the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine School of Law.

Matt is Past-President of the Washington Defense Trial Lawyers, is the Washington State Membership Chair of the International Association of Defense Counsel, and is a past Board member for the YMCA Youth & Government program. He is AV-Rated by Martindale-Hubbell, was named a "Rising Star" for 2007 and 2005 by Washington *Super Lawyers*, and was awarded the *Random Acts of Professionalism Award* by the Washington State Bar Association Professionalism Committee in 2005.

Practice Areas

COVID-19 Response
Professional Liability / D&O
Product Liability
Construction
Personal & Catastrophic Injury Litigation
Insurance Law

Industries

Construction
Drug, Medical Devices & Biotechnology
Health Care
Insurance
Manufacturing

Education

Northwestern School of Law, Lewis & Clark College - J.D., 1997
University of Washington - B.A., Political Science, 1993
Pepperdine University, School of Law - Mediator Training Course, 2019



Bar Admissions

- Oregon, 1997
- Washington, 1998
- Alaska, 2007

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Oregon
- U.S. District Court, District of Alaska
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington
- Puyallup Tribal Court
- Tulalip Tribal Court

Professional and Civic Involvement

- International Association of Defense Counsel (Member; State Membership Chair)
- Washington Defense Trial Lawyers (Past-President)
- Defense Research Institute (Member)
- Washington Civil Defense PAC (Treasurer)
- Washington YMCA Youth & Government (Board of Directors, 2015-2018; Mock Trial State Tournament Volunteer, 2002-Present)
- University of Washington School of Law (Mentor, 2002-2012)
- Special Olympics of Washington (Volunteer, 2001-2004)

Awards and Honors

- AV[®] Preeminent[™], Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Awarded DRI's *Exceptional Performance Citation* (2011-2012)
- Named as a "Rising Star" in *Washington Super Lawyers* (2007 & 2005)
- Received Washington State Bar Association's Professionalism Committee's *Random Acts of Professionalism Award* (2005)
- Received *Corpus Juris Secundum Award – Torts* (1997)

Publications and Presentations

- Co-Speaker, "Voir Dire," Perrin Conferences Asbestos Mock Trial & Training Program at The Hartford (2017)
- Speaker, "Seven Things that Get Podiatrists Sued (and How to Avoid Them)," Washington State Podiatric



- Medical Association (WSPMA) Annual Conference (2017)
- Co-Speaker, "Admission of Medical Expert Testimony and Direct Examination of Doctors," National Business Institute (NBI) Effective Use of Medical Records and Medical Experts in Civil Litigation Seminar (2016)
- Speaker, "Spring Cleaning for Your Podiatry Practice," Washington State Podiatric Medical Association (WSPMA) Annual Conference (2016)
- Speaker, "Changes in Class Action Certification," RSUI Annual Claims Seminar (2015)
- Speaker, "Lessons Learned from an ENT Laser Fire Injury Lawsuit," International Laser Safety Conference (ILSC®) (2015)
- Speaker, "*Cedell v. Farmers Insurance*: It's Our Privilege (to insure you)," RSUI Annual Claims Seminar (2014)
- Speaker, "Social Media in Litigation," Washington Defense Trial Lawyers (WDTL) Tort Law CLE (2014)
- Panel Speaker, "Professionalism in Practice," KCBA Annual Bench-Bar Conference (2013)
- Speaker, "The Demise of Economic Loss and Rise of Independent Duty," RSUI Annual Claims Seminar (2013)
- MC, Washington Defense Trial Lawyers Annual Convention (2011)
- Speaker, "Preparing for Battle," National Association of Legal Secretaries (NALS) Trial Preparation Seminar (2009)
- Moderator, Washington Defense Trial Lawyers (WDTL) Snowbreak CLE (2007)
- Speaker, "Ex Parte Contacts: How Much is Too Much?" (2004)
- Co-Author, "Oregon Medical Malpractice Reference Guide" (1998)

Outside Interests

In addition to his legal credentials, Matt was certified as an emergency medical technician and whitewater rafting guide. Outside the office, Matt keeps busy chasing after his two sons, traveling the world with his wife and trying to correct an "overly athletic" golf swing.