



**Holly D. Brauchli**

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Holly Brauchli is a civil litigator who defends clients in products liability, medical device, malpractice, and general liability cases. She is comfortable litigating in a variety of jurisdictional and procedural contexts including but not limited to civil and criminal arenas; federal, state, and tribal courts; and arbitration, trial, and class action forums. She is licensed and has practical experience in California, Washington, and Oregon.

After law school, Holly gained valuable first chair trial experience as a District Attorney for the City and County of San Francisco. Since successfully trying cases there, she has continued to advocate for her clients and gain their trust as a civil litigator. She enjoys learning about the case from the vantage of her clients and, through that process, developing creative solutions to cases. Some of her recent achievements include:

- Successful briefing achieving denial of class certification in a genetics privacy case with exposure of \$92 million (affirmed by the Ninth Circuit);
- Successful briefing achieving partial summary judgment relating to the duty to indemnify and defend third-party pollution claims in *Dolsen Companies v. Bedivere Ins. Co.*, 264 F. Supp. 3d 1083 (E.D. Wash. 2017);
- Pro Bono Amicus briefing which became central to the Washington Supreme Court's ruling in *Rodriguez v. Zavala*, 188 Wn.2d 586 (2017);
- Second-chaired a trial involving allegations of medical negligence which resulted in a directed verdict for the defense;
- Second-chaired a stipulated liability trial with exposure of \$5 million and obtained a verdict of less than \$90,000;
- Successful summary judgment briefing securing a dismissal due to a lack of proximate causation in a case involving alleged design defects of a pallet truck, *Beard v. Mighty Lift, Inc.*, 224 F. Supp. 3d 1131, 1132 (W.D. Wash. 2016);
- Successful licensure defense of a veterinary clinic who faced serious accusations launched by a disgruntled former practitioner; and
- Successful summary judgment briefing which secured the dismissal of several constitutional claims asserted against a municipality for damages relating to a wildfire.

**Practice Areas**

Admiralty & Maritime  
Appellate  
Commercial Litigation  
Personal & Catastrophic Injury Litigation



Product Liability  
Professional Liability / D&O

**Education**

Seattle University, School of Law - J.D., 2011  
Bucerius Law School (Hamburg, Germany) - Exchange Program in International and Comparative Business Law  
University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, School of Law, (Johannesburg, South Africa) - Mandela Institute Human Rights Program  
University of Arizona - B.A., Philosophy, 2007

**Bar Admissions**

- California, 2011
- Oregon, 2016
- Washington, 2012

**Court Admissions**

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

**Professional and Civic Involvement**

- Washington Defense Trial Lawyers (Board of Trustees, 2017–Present; Co-Chair of Professional Development Committee, 2015-2018)
- Yoga Behind Bars (Board of Trustees, 2017-Present)
- Defense Research Institute (Washington State Membership Chair, 2017-2018)
- King County Bar Association (Member, Housing Justice Project)
- Legal Voice (Volunteer, Violence Against Women Workgroup)
- Seattle University, School of Law (Member, Diversity Board; Judicial Board Member, Student Bar Association; Founding Member, Seattle Journal of Environmental Law)

**Awards and Honors**

- Named as a "Rising Star" in Washington Super Lawyers (2020, 2019 — Personal Injury General: Defense)
- 2017 Outstanding Litigation Associate Award - Washington Trial Defense Lawyers



### **Publications and Presentations**

- Speaker, "Things That Get Podiatrists Sued (and How Assistants Can Help Avoid Lawsuits)," Washington State Podiatric Medical Association Annual Conference, (2019)
- Speaker, "Representation Issues That Can Arise in Washington, Oregon, and California," Bullivant CLE (2018)
- Speaker, "What Would You Do? Ethical Dilemmas That Actually Happened," Washington Defense Trial Lawyers (WDTL) Annual Convention (2018)
- Speaker, "Washington Coverage Trek," Training Program at Great Market Insurance (2018)
- Co-Speaker, "How to Carve a Case," Young Lawyer CLE Training Session at Washington Defense Trial Lawyers (WDTL) Annual Convention (2017)
- Speaker, "Washington Coverage Trek," Training Program at Great American Insurance Group (2017)
- Co-Speaker, "Deposition Training," Perrin Conferences Asbestos Mock Trial & Training Program at The Hartford (2017)
- Co-Speaker, "Direct and Cross of the Corporate Representative," Perrin Conferences Asbestos Mock Trial & Training Program at The Hartford (2017)
- Speaker, "What Do You Do When Conditions on the Job Change?" National Business Institute (NBI) Construction Law Seminar (2017)
- Speaker, "Roots and Concrete: Standing Analysis after *Spokeo*," Washington Defense Trial Lawyers (WDTL) Annual Tort Law Program (2016)
- Author, "WDTL Convention Spotlight: The Young Lawyer Experience," Washington Defense Trial Lawyers (WDTL), Defense News (2016)
- Co-Author, "Washington Workers' Compensation Claim Handling Guidelines," Claims and Litigation Management (CLM) Alliance (2014)
- Speaker, "Reptile Litigator: What to Expect and Tools for Dealing with It," Washington State CLE (2014)

### **Outside Interests**

In her free time, Holly travels, pursues fluency in Spanish, and enjoys the outdoors.