



Elizabeth R. Bain

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Elizabeth Bain concentrates her practice on the defense of toxic tort and product liability cases. She brings varied legal and professional experience to Bullivant's Casualty Law practice, giving her extensive experience in file management and trial preparation. Elizabeth's experience includes representing clients from all facets of asbestos litigation, including a former asbestos mine, premises owners, contractors, suppliers, and manufacturers of a variety of products. Additionally, she is experienced in aviation and construction products liability defense in both federal and state courts including California, Texas, British Columbia, and Oregon.

Elizabeth developed facts leading to dismissal prior to oral argument on motions in limine for a California case with a demand of \$1.5 million and previously played a key role in the development of defense strategy that led to an in-trial dismissal for a federal case with a pre-opening demand of \$1.7 million. She is also responsible for aggressively pursuing medical defense in a disputed mesothelioma case that drove settlement down from a demand in the millions to a four-figure settlement.

Prior to joining the private practice of law, Elizabeth served as a Research Analyst at the House Research Organization for the 77th Legislative Session in 2001 in Austin, Texas, researching and writing bill analyses. She was also a Briefing Attorney to the Honorable Lawrence Meyers of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals (the highest state court for criminal cases in Texas), researching and drafting judicial opinions.

Practice Areas

Asbestos Litigation
Personal & Catastrophic Injury Litigation

Education

University of Michigan Law School - J.D., 1997
Portland State University - B.A., Spanish, 2004
Pennsylvania State University - Honors B.A. with Distinction, Theatre Arts, 1994

Bar Admissions

- California, 2008
- Oregon, 2002
- District of Columbia, 2000
- Texas, 1997 (*inactive*)

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, District of Oregon

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California

Professional and Civic Involvement

- American Volkssport Association (Member)
- Collegian, Inc. (Board of Directors, 1992-1994)
- Defense Research Institute (Member, 2017-Present; Member, Philanthropic Activities Committee, 2018-Present)
- Girl Scouts of the USA (Lifetime Member)
- IDEA Health & Fitness Association (Member)
- Penn State Alumni Association (Lifetime Member)
- Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity (Member)
- University of Michigan Law School (Member, Student Funded Fellowships Board, 1995-1997; Co-Chair, Student Funded Fellowships Board, 1996-1997)
- Yoga Alliance (Member, 2006-Present)

Awards and Honors

- *Girl Scout Gold Award*, the highest honor in Girl Scouting
- Member of Omicron Delta Kappa
- Member of Order of Omega
- Member of Phi Sigma Iota

Publications and Presentations

- Co-Author, "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Autopsies (and Probably More)," DRI Asbestos Medicine Seminar (2017)
- Author, "Persuasive Techniques at Trial: Wrangling Reptiles for Defendants," Perrin Conferences Asbestos Litigation: A National Overview and Outlook (2017)
- Panelist, "Persuasive Techniques at Trial," Perrin Conferences Asbestos Litigation: A National Overview and Outlook (2017)
- Speaker, "Sign on the Dotted Line: Contract Law for Bloggers," FitBloggin' (2016)
- Speaker, "Legal Advice for Bloggers," IDEA World BlogFest (2015)
- Speaker & Co-Chair, "Trouble@Trademark.com," Travis County Bar Association Technology and the Law CLE
- Instructor, TestMasters, Inc.
- Instructor, 1st Year Spanish, Portland State University

This is a selective list of Elizabeth's publications and presentations.

Outside Interests

Elizabeth is a certified personal trainer and yoga teacher with more than 1,000 hours of teacher-specific yoga education. She has worked in

professional theatre, including costuming for the Oregon Ballet Theater and appeared on stage with the Italian National Opera Company.

Elizabeth has finished ten marathons (four of them in three weeks!) and is a Marathon Maniac resting at the "iridium" level. She's also a proud Half Fanatic who has raised more than \$20,000 for charity through running events. She will run her 100th half marathon in fall 2017.

She speaks Spanish and conversational French and is a member of the Single Malt Scotch Whisky Society.