



**Karleen J. Scharer**

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Karleen Scharer is a civil litigator who defends clients in casualty related claims including bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage.

After law school, Karleen gained valuable insider and civil litigation experience as staff counsel for a major insurance company. Since successfully litigating cases there, she has continued to advocate for her clients and gain experience defending national insurers in UM/UIIM litigation and individual insured as well as commercial carriers in personal injury and general liability insurance defense cases.

During law school, she clerked for acting judge Cheryl Loots of the Land Claims Court in Johannesburg, South Africa. Karleen also served on Seattle University's Moot Court Board as National Competition Chair and was invited and inducted into the Order of Barristers.

**Recent Representative Matters**

- First-chaired trial in King County Superior Court, involving shoulder injuries requiring a total shoulder replacement and rotator cuff repair, in which verdict totaled less than the Plaintiff's medical specials;
- Obtained defense verdict as first chair in a stipulated liability trial involving a motor vehicle accident; and
- Obtained summary judgment dismissal in King County Superior Court on the basis of res judicata, after securing a defense award at arbitration in the previously filed case.

**Practice Areas**

Personal & Catastrophic Injury Litigation  
Asbestos Litigation  
Product Liability

**Education**

Seattle University, School of Law - J.D., 2014  
University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, School of Law - Mandela Institute Human Rights Program  
University of Washington - B.A., 2009

**Bar Admissions**

- Washington, 2014
- Oregon, 2020



**Court Admissions**

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

**Professional and Civic Involvement**

- Washington Defense Trial Lawyers (Member, CLE Task Force)

**Awards and Honors**

- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>: *Ones to Watch* (2021 - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants)
- *Order of the Barristers* Recipient (2014)

**Outside Interests**

Outside of the office, Karleen enjoys traveling, trying out new recipes, and participating in a variety of athletic activities.