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Practice Areas

Commercial Liability Defense

Education

Lewis and Clark Law School, J.D.,
cum laude, 2012

Lawrence University, B.A., *summa
cum laude*, 2009

Bar Admissions

Oregon
Washington
Idaho

Certification & Accolades

Member, Oregon State Bar
Association

Member, Washington State Bar
Association

Member, Idaho State Bar
Association

Admitted, U.S. District Court –
District of Oregon

Admitted, U.S. District Court –
Western District of Washington

Admitted, U.S. District Court –
Eastern District of Washington

Admitted, U.S. District Court –
District of Idaho

Admitted, U.S. District Court – US
9th Circuit Court of Appeals

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Expertise Overview

Melanie is a litigator with a diverse civil litigation practice focusing on catastrophic injury, premises liability, automobile liability, dram shop, and commercial litigation. Melanie's practice takes her all over the state of Oregon and Washington regularly, and occasionally into Idaho as well. She has given a number of presentations on changes in Oregon and Washington law highlighting the Pacific Northwest's unique legal landscape.

Professional Background

Before joining Smith Freed Eberhard, Melanie handled first-party insurance claims including claims related to PIP, UM/UIM, bad faith, and consumer protection act claims on behalf of insurance carriers. Melanie also has experience handling insurance subrogation matters. This high-volume practice placed a premium on efficiency, diligence, and energy that has carried over into her current practice.

In law school, Melanie won awards for both client advocacy and legal writing. Some of Melanie's first experiences in the legal community were volunteering for the Washington County Family Law Assistance Program and working at the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic.

Personal Life

Melanie is an Oregon native and grew up in a handful of smaller, Southern Oregon towns. She moved to the big city for law school, fell in love with Portland, and can't imagine being anywhere else. Away from work, Melanie can usually be found teaching knitting lessons at a local yarn shop, checking out a local brewery, or getting her yearly supply of Vitamin D during the 4 months of the year that it's dry enough to be outside.

