

Faculty Biographies

Jonathon Bashford

Jonathon Bashford advises and litigates on behalf of long term care providers and other clients in the health care sector. His practice focuses on regulatory compliance including licensing, Medicare and Medicaid certification and payment, fraud and abuse, certificates of need, Americans with Disabilities Act, HIPAA, guardianships and estates, public records, and administrative procedure. He is experienced in complex regulatory litigation including agency hearings, state and federal court litigation, and appeals. Prior to joining Lane Powell, Jon worked as an Assistant Attorney General advising the Washington Aging and Disability Services Administration. Jon is a graduate of Harvard Law School, where he was student body treasurer and a board member of the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau. He was named a “Washington Rising Star” by Super Lawyers in 2015.

Kurt Boehl

Kurt Boehl is an experienced and respected attorney who balances his current practice between Marijuana Business Law and Criminal Defense.

Kurt is passionate about the practice of law. In his final year of law school, he interned with both the Public Defender’s Office and Seattle’s City Attorney. As a Rule 9 public defender and prosecutor, Kurt appeared as lead counsel in over 20 jury trials. Kurt formed his solo practice in 2005, immediately after gaining his license to practice law. He represented hundreds of clients in his first two years in Criminal Defense practice, defending individuals accused of a wide variety of crimes. Kurt quickly established a strong reputation for successfully defending individuals accused of drug possession, manufacturing and trafficking.

In 2008 – 2009, Kurt was one of the pioneers in advancing Washington’s medical marijuana laws. With a focus on patient access and community safety, Kurt worked successfully with several cities and counties to develop a sustainable, regulated medical marijuana market. In 2010, Kurt was fortunate to work with Alison Holcomb to draft legislation for what became I-502 (Washington’s Marijuana legalization initiative). Since then, he has worked closely with recreational marijuana business applicants, the Washington State Liquor Control Board, and select city and county officials, with the goal of wisely implementing regulations for Washington’s adult-use marijuana market

Kurt has been recognized as one of the top lawyers in Washington State. Washington Law and Politics Magazine has named Kurt a Rising Star for the past 6 years, and Seattle Met Magazine named Kurt as one of Washington State's top criminal defense attorneys. In addition, Kurt has received the preeminent AV rating from Martindale Hubbell and is ranked Superb by the AVVO attorney rating service.

Scott Breneman

Scott Breneman is a founding member of the Seattle law firm Breneman Grube, PLLC. He has been a trial lawyer for over 25 years, and has litigated and tried hundreds of personal injury, wrongful death and malpractice cases. He has extensive experience with insurance coverage disputes. Scott is “AV®” rated by Martindale-Hubbell, rated 10 of 10 by Avvo, and is an Eagle member of the Washington State Association of Justice (“WSAJ”). He is a contributing author to the WSAJ Nursing Home Litigation Deskbook (Multi-Entity Corporate Defendants). Scott is an Order of the Coif, cum laude graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School, where he served as a Note & Comment Editor for the University of Wisconsin Law Review.

Lisa Brodoff

Professor Brodoff has engaged in both scholarly work and impact litigation/legislative advocacy while teaching at Seattle University. Her areas of expertise are in the rights of sexual minorities, people with disabilities, the elderly, and public assistance beneficiaries; and in clinical law teaching theory. She is a frequent speaker at conferences and continuing legal education programs on topics including the right to counsel in civil matters, end-of-life and disability planning, and the administrative hearing process. Professor Brodoff was instrumental in the passage of legislation in Washington State creating the Mental

Health Advance Directive, a planning document for people with mental illness. Washington's statute is now considered model legislation for states seeking to expand the rights and planning options for people with mental illness. She also created a new and innovative planning document for people with Alzheimer's Disease and other types of dementia - the Alzheimer's/Dementia Mental Health Advance Directive.

Thomas J. Degan

Thomas J. Degan Jr. is an attorney who has successfully litigated a wide variety of cases in federal and state courts, administrative hearings, and before arbitration panels. His wide ranging legal practice has included defending individuals accused of crimes, representing victims of negligence, and defending large corporations accused of negligence. After nearly 15 years of practice, Tom decided to limit his practice to representing victims of medical negligence and joined the law firm of Chemnick Moen Greenstreet.

Tom became interested in subrogation early in his career, when he realized just how dramatically subrogation claims could change his clients' recoveries. As a result, Tom fights to maximize his clients' recoveries through creative and determined efforts to reduce or eliminate subrogation claims, because he thinks subrogation is simply a legal device used by insurance carriers to obtain a windfall at the expense of their insureds.

Tyler Goldberg-Hoss

Tyler Goldberg-Hoss is a partner in the Seattle firm of Chemnick Moen Greenstreet, which limits its practice to representing claimants in medical malpractice cases. Tyler is also an active member of the Washington State Association for Justice, where he currently serves as Board Member and Vice-Chair of the Public Affairs Committee. He is a 2009 graduate of the University of Washington School of Law.

Bruce Goto

Bruce Goto is a principal with Riddell Williams and a senior member of the firm's Corporate Transactions and Finance practice, with a special focus on intellectual property and information technology issues. He has been providing pragmatic advice for business clients for 30 years, and has built long-term relationships based on trust and shared expectations.

Bruce prepares and negotiates complex contracts covering cloud computing, outsourcing, application and technology development and licensing, information technology, enterprise services, and the manufacture, distribution, and marketing of various products. He develops brand strategies and registers trademarks, and counsels his clients on cyber security issues.

Bruce has worked in the United States and abroad (in Tokyo and Honolulu), and is conversant in Japanese. He supplements his vast experience as outside counsel with his prior hands-on experience as in-house counsel. He regularly speaks and publishes on emerging issues in the fields of intellectual property and information technology.

Laura W. Groshong

Ms. Groshong is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker in Washington and has been in clinical practice for the past 38 years. She is also a Registered Lobbyist in Washington for five mental health organizations. She was on the Board of the Washington Coalition for Insurance Parity for 10 years, the organization that was instrumental in passage of mental health parity in Washington in 2005 and 2007, as well as the passage of rules implementing these laws in 2014. She is the Director of Policy and Practice for the Clinical Social Work Association nationally and through the Mental Health Liaison Group worked on passage of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equality Act of 2008. She has written and lectured extensively on clinical and legislative issues around the country, in addition to maintaining her clinical practice.

Lori Haskell

Lori S. Haskell received her J.D. from Seattle University while still employed in the news department at KOMO TV. During her 10-year career in television she was a news cinematographer and editor, as well as a writer, producer and special topics producer.

After leaving television news Ms. Haskell clerked for Chief Justice Jay Rabinowitz of the Alaska Supreme Court. Upon entering private practice she chose to concentrate on trial work. Her cases are primarily in the area of tort litigation with an emphasis on personal injury and employment law. In her practice Ms. Haskell takes a wide variety of cases to trial on behalf of plaintiffs ranging from civil rights discrimination to car accidents and insurance bad faith claims. Her offices are located in Fremont, better known as the Center of the Known Universe.

Ms. Haskell speaks regularly on the subject of trial work and has authored more than 35 articles on the intricacies of courtroom practice. She won a \$1.3 million verdict on behalf of her client against Metro Transit for injuries sustained in a slip and fall on a bus. It is the largest verdict for a slip and fall on public transportation in this state and exposed a dangerous condition that exists on Metro buses. Ms. Haskell recently won an appellate court decision reversing the trial court in a police misconduct case. The appellate court ruled that police officers just like any other citizen-are liable for their negligent conduct.

In December 2012, Ms. Haskell was notified that a Spokane court had granted custody of her elderly mother to a virtual stranger who had filed a Petition for Guardianship. The law does not require family members to receive advance notice of such actions. During a second hearing, the court overruled the notarized Durable Power of Attorney her mother had signed to assure that Lori would be named her Attorney-In-Fact. This action made Ms. Haskell's mother a ward of the state and granted complete and total control over all decision making to a Certified Professional Guardian. Lori Haskell engaged in a 10-month legal battle to gain custody of her mother. The experience has spurred her to work on behalf of reforming Washington guardianship laws so that others do not experience a similar tragedy.

Bruce F. Howell

Bruce Howell is one of the pioneers in the practice of health law. From being one of the founders of the Dallas (Texas) Bar Association's Health Law Section to one of the first attorneys to be certified as a Board Certified Health Lawyer by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in 2002, Mr. Howell has experienced a vast array of issues across the health industry spectrum. He focuses his practice on various aspects of health law, including reimbursement, fraud and abuse, managed care issues, physician practice management issues, and the Affordable Care Act of 2010. He also handles cases involving genetics, organ transplant technology, laboratory matters, clinical research and health care insurance coverage. Mr. Howell has represented companies and individuals in health care governmental investigations and counseled clients in structuring transactions to comply with health law regulatory requirements. He has also created compliance programs, and consulted on corporate governance matters and tax enforcement matters in nonprofit tax/health care work. Mr. Howell is also experienced in litigating cases related to health care insurance, ERISA issues, and health law regulatory matters as well as serving as an expert witness in some of these areas. He counsels providers and businesses in complying with the requirements of and finding financial opportunities in connection with the Affordable Care Act of 2010. Mr. Howell serves on the ABA Health Law Section as Vice Chair of the Physicians Legal Issues Conference and Vice-Chair of the Health Lawyer Editorial Board.

Kristin Meier

Kristin is a member of Ryan Swanson's Litigation, Employment and Healthcare groups and has provided consultation and litigation services for her healthcare and employment clients. Along with advising clients on the numerous federal, state and local employment laws that apply to them, Kristin has been speaking and advising clients on the requirements for employers contained in the ACA since its passage in 2010. Kristin has worked with clients to determine what portions of the law affect them as well as providing specific assistance with unique employee situations which could alter the client's status under the ACA. She has also tracked the numerous changes to the law that impact employers' compliance with the ACA and ensures that she apprises her clients of the impact, if any, of the modifications of the regulations administering the ACA.

Karin Mitchell

Karin Mitchell was born and raised in Washington State. She graduated from Seattle Pacific University in 1985, with a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing. After graduation she worked at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, initially as a Bone Marrow Transplant Nurse and then as the Adult/Pediatric Critical

Care Education Specialist. During this time, Ms. Mitchell co-chaired the Medical Standard, Practice Committee and worked in Quality Management. In 1998, Ms. Mitchell accepted a position at Amgen, Inc. Over ten years, Ms. Mitchell held a variety of positions at Amgen on both the West and East Coasts. Her last position was as a Senior Marketing Manager. Ms. Mitchell lectured nationally and internationally and published textbook chapters on a variety of topics in oncology, hematology, immunology and critical care medicine. In 1996, Ms. Mitchell had the privilege of leading the President Eisenhower Citizen Ambassador Delegation to South Africa. In 2008, Ms. Mitchell resigned from Amgen, Inc. to attend law school. Ms. Mitchell graduated from Seattle University School of Law in 2011. Currently, Ms. Mitchell is an Associate Attorney at Johnson, Graffe, Keay, Moniz & Wick, where she has worked since being hired as a Law Clerk in May 2009. Since law school Ms. Mitchell lectures on a variety of issues related to medical malpractice, HIPAA, and medical ethics. Karin is also a national board member for the "National LGBTQ Taskforce" based in D.C., volunteers with Washington NAMI to provide legal review for the various county affiliates, and mentors to law students through QLaw.

Donna M. Moniz

Donna Moniz is a partner at Johnson, Graffe, Keay, Moniz & Wick, LLP. Her practice with the Seattle-based firm emphasizes the defense of medical negligence claims and health care law, including medical staff issues and professional licensing. Ms. Moniz has defended medical negligence claims on behalf of urban and rural hospitals and other health care providers in western Washington, with excellent results. These include the defense of cases involving brain damaged infants. Ms. Moniz has provided consultative services on a regular basis to hospitals regarding practice issues, and she also advises on medical staff bylaws, policies and procedures, physician credentialing and risk management. She also represents health care providers who are investigated or charged by the Department of Health and its various commissions.

A law school graduate of the University of Washington, Ms. Moniz has over 30 years of legal experience and is frequently invited to speak to various health care professionals. Subjects of her presentations include malpractice, peer review, risk management, licensing and AIDS. She has also been published in professional books and journals.

John Peick

John C. Peick is a principal in the firm of Peick|Boyer Law Group, P.S. with offices located in Bellevue, Washington. He focuses on two distinct practice areas: healthcare/business law with a focus on individual providers and small to medium clinics, and plaintiff personal injury and wrongful death. He is also a neutral for mediation and arbitration dealing with issues in either of these practice areas. He is a graduate of the University of Washington with a B.A. Political Science in 1972. He attended the University of Iowa School of Law in Iowa City, Iowa, transferred to the UW Law School in 1973, and graduated in 1975. He is a member of the Washington State Bar Association (1975), U.S. District Court, Eastern & Western District, Washington (2012 & 1975), U.S. Tax Court (1976) and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (1998). He is a member of the American Bar Association, American Health Lawyers Association, Washington State Association for Justice (1984-Present), American Association for Justice, and National Association of Chiropractic Attorneys. He served for many years on the Board of Governors for the Washington State Association for Justice. He has taught law courses on the community college level and at City University, and has been a frequent speaker at various healthcare provider seminars and meetings. He lives in Issaquah, Washington with his beautiful wife and daughter.

Michelle Peterson

After practicing for 15 years in both a large law firm and a small boutique litigation firm, Michelle opened her own firm in December 2014, Michelle Peterson Law, PLLC. Michelle continues to focus her practice in commercial litigation, white collar criminal defense and government investigations. Michelle's experience includes representing businesses and individuals in all aspects of litigation, including white collar criminal prosecutions, qui tam matters, government investigations and commercial disputes. She also focuses her practice on compliance issues and governmental investigations relating to long-term care and senior housing, including false claims, anti-kickbacks, and Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements. Michelle has experience defending clients against False Claims Act allegations and also representing relators in pursuing these claims.

Brian Peyton

Brian Peyton is the Director of Legal Services for the Health Benefit Exchange. He provides legal advice and analysis to the Exchange Board and staff and oversees the Exchange appeals process. Prior to joining the Exchange, he served as Director of the Office of Policy, Legislative and Constituent Relations (PLCR) at the Washington State Department of Health. Before taking that position, he worked as Director of Regulatory Affairs for the University of Washington Medical Center. Brian was the Assistant Director of PLCR from 1998 until 2003, and was a Health Law Judge for the Department of Health from 1993 until 1998. He has worked as an Assistant Attorney General and a lawyer in private practice. He has a bachelor of arts in political science from Columbia University and a law degree from the University of Michigan.

Joyce Roper

Joyce Roper is a Senior Assistant Attorney General with the state of Washington Attorney General's Office. She serves as counsel to the State of Washington Department of Health, advising the Secretary's Office, the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response, Risk Management, the Prescription Monitoring Program and the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission. Joyce's experience in health law and policy began in the regulatory arena with health professions and health facilities licensing. Joyce assisted in the establishment of the Department of Health in 1989 as programs from the Department of Social and Health Services and the Department of Licensing were moved into the newly created Department of Health. For a time, she served as counsel to Department of Social and Health Services working with the Medicaid program. When her client assignments were outside the arena of public health, Joyce continued to gain health policy experience by serving on the Board of Trustees for Group Health Cooperative, becoming Vice-Chair of the Cooperative, until her responsibilities at the Office of the Attorney General once again included a return to serving as counsel for the Department of Health, as well as the Health Care Authority.

Eric Schmidt

Commissioner Eric B. Schmidt was appointed as a court commissioner for Division II of the Court of Appeals, effective January 1, 2002. Prior to his appointment, Commissioner Schmidt was the Senior Health Law Judge for the Washington State Department of Health from 1996 to 2001. Commissioner Schmidt graduated from Seattle University School of Law (formerly University of Puget Sound School of Law) in 1985. He holds a bachelor's degree in kinesiology, a master's degree in philosophy and Ph.D. in philosophy and bioethics from the University of Washington. He's also an adjunct professor of law at Seattle University School of Law, teaching bioethics and the law and medical liability.

Jennifer K. Sheffield

Jennifer Sheffield focuses her practice on health care and complex commercial litigation matters. She represents health care providers and long term care providers, handling cases that involve allegations of malpractice, negligent hiring and supervision, neglect, wrongful death and personal injury. Her experience includes litigation of commercial disputes in federal and state court. Jennifer was named a "Washington Rising Star" in 2013, 2014 and 2015 by Super Lawyers magazine. Jennifer is a graduate of Seattle University School of law, where she was Editor in Chief of Seattle University Law Review.

Gavin Skok

Gavin Skok is Chair of Riddell Williams' Litigation Group and a member of the firm's Privacy and Data Security Group. He is a commercial litigator who represents regional and national companies in state and federal courts, with an emphasis on class action defense, data security litigation, securities fraud, and intellectual property disputes. Gavin regularly advises clients on data security and privacy issues, and defends companies in data security litigation. Gavin has taken multiple cases to trial in federal, state and local courts, and regularly volunteers pro bono time to a local public defender agency. He is also a regular speaker at CLEs and in-house client trainings regarding privacy, data security, class actions and attorney-client privilege issues. Prior to joining Riddell Williams, Gavin was a federal judicial law clerk to United States District Court Judge Robert H. Whaley (E.D. Wash.)

Kayla Stahman

Kayla Stahman is an Assistant United States Attorney in Seattle who focuses her practice on health care fraud cases. Prior to serving as an AUSA, Kayla was an Associate in the Securities Regulatory and Enforcement Group at Wilmer Cutler Pickering (now Wilmer Hale) in Washington D.C. Kayla is a graduate of Stanford Law School and Emory University.

Shata L. Stucky

Shata L. Stucky is an attorney at Riddell Williams P.S., where she focuses her practice on commercial litigation and privacy and data security issues. She assists clients with the development of privacy policies and terms of use, advises clients on privacy statutes and regulations, helps companies respond to data breaches, and has defended major corporations in nationwide class actions alleging breach of data privacy obligations. Ms. Stucky has earned the Certified Information Privacy Professional/United States (CIPP/US) credential through the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP). She received her J.D., cum laude, from the University of Minnesota Law School. Prior to joining Riddell Williams, Ms. Stucky clerked for the Honorable Harriet Lansing (ret.) of the Minnesota Court of Appeals.

Paul Swegle

Paul Swegle is General Counsel of Numera, Inc. and he serves as Acting General Counsel to Venuelabs, Payment Gear, and cloudRIA. He is the Chair of the Corporate Counsel Section of the WSBA and serves on the WSBA's Securities Law Committee. Paul has worked on financings and M&A deals totaling more than \$11 billion. He is a former SEC Enforcement and Corporation Finance attorney and served two appointments as Special Assistant United States Attorney. Paul currently serves on the Board of the Alliance for Pioneer Square and also Co-Chairs the annual Cystic Fibrosis StairClimb in Seattle.