

# Donna L. Lee

## PARTNER

Donna's practice focuses on representing health care professionals, hospitals, and long-term care facilities in state and federal courts in Oregon and Washington. She also assists clients outside the courtroom, including representation before state licensing boards, regulatory issues, health related business formation, HIPAA compliance, and contract disputes.



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### Practice Areas

Health Law

Healthcare Data Security, Privacy,  
and HIPAA Compliance

Licensing, Board Matters, and  
Regulatory Agencies Representation

Long-Term Care, Assisted Living and  
Skilled Nursing Home Liability  
Defense

Medical Malpractice Defense

Professional Liability Defense

## REPRESENTATIVE CASES

***Fowler v. Kaiser***: Defense verdict in arbitration of lawsuit alleging wrist fracture due to negligent assistance in dismounting from hospital bed.

***Plotkin v. OHSU***: Summary Judgment in favor of defendant in case alleging negligent management of patient with myasthenia gravis.

***Flores v. Dalisky***: Summary Judgment in favor of defendant in case alleging negligent injury to ureter during total abdominal hysterectomy.

***Lee v. UHC***: Represented physician in claim against United HealthCare for wrongful termination of network participation.

***Mooney v. PeaceHealth***: Summary Judgment in favor of defendant in case alleging negligent delay in diagnosis of bowel perforation following lumbar spine surgery.

## TRIAL EXPERIENCE

***Williamson v. Friedman***: Multnomah County Circuit Court, State of Oregon: Defense verdict in lawsuit alleging negligent injury to bladder during emergency laparoscopic appendectomy.

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***Tran v. Friedman:*** Multnomah County Circuit Court, State of Oregon:  
Defense verdict in lawsuit alleging negligent injury to common bile duct  
during emergency laparoscopic gallbladder removal.

***Williamson v. Shanno:*** Clark County Superior Court, State of Washington: Second chair in lawsuit alleging negligence  
and loss of chance related to diagnosis of post-operative spinal epidural hematoma.

***Sallee v. NWP:*** Multnomah County Circuit Court, State of Oregon: Defense verdict in lawsuit alleging negligent sciatic  
nerve injury during the performance of a total hip replacement.

***Cozadd v. Peterson:*** Marion County Circuit Court, State of Oregon: Defense verdict in lawsuit alleging negligent  
hypoglossal nerve injury during the performance of a carotid endarterectomy.

***Skaw v. Jayaram:*** Multnomah County Circuit Court, State of Oregon: Defense verdict in lawsuit alleging severe burns  
associated with spinal radiofrequency ablation procedure.

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## EDUCATION

### **Lewis and Clark College**

Northwestern School of Law

J.D., 2006, Certificate in Intellectual Property Law

### **Duke University**

Ph.D., Musicology, 1992

### **Southern Adventist University**

B.S., Music Education, 1985

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## EXPERIENCE

### **Hart Wagner LLP**

*Partner*, 2016–present

*Associate Attorney*, 2008–2015

### **The Honorable Edward Jones**

Multnomah County Circuit Court

*Judicial Clerk*, 2006–2007

### **Oregon Department of Justice**

Tax & Finance Section

*Law Clerk*, 2005–2006

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## ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Oregon State Courts  
Washington State Courts  
U.S. District Court: District of Oregon; Eastern and Western Districts of Washington

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## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

### *Best Lawyers in America*

Health Care Law, 2025  
Medical Malpractice Law — Defendants, 2024, 2025

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## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

American Bar Association  
Defense Research Institute  
Hart Wagner LLP, Diversity and Inclusion Committee Member  
Multnomah Bar Association  
Oregon Association of Defense Counsel, Director of the Board, 2020 — 2023  
Oregon Society for Healthcare Risk Management  
Oregon State Bar  
Oregon Women Lawyers  
Washington Defense Trial Lawyers  
Washington Healthcare Risk Management Society  
Washington State Bar Association

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## PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

### *"Subpoenas"*

Authored chapter in Oregon State Bar, BarBooks, 2020

### *"Medicare Compliance: Setting the Stage for Success During Discovery"*

*The Verdict*, Oregon Association of Defense Counsel, Issue 1, 2016

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## PRESENTATIONS

Guest Lecturer at Pacific University Health Care Certification Program, Hillsboro, OR, 2019

"Risk Management Training," Basic and Advanced courses, Oregon Medical Association CME Meeting, 2016 — 2018, Portland, Bend, Corvallis

"Medical Records Requests: HIPAA Compliance and Other Tips" Oregon Association of Defense Counsel Professional Liability Practice Group CLE, Portland, OR, 2017

"Medicare Secondary Payer Act," Legal Aid Services of Oregon, 2016

"Medicare Update for Litigation," Oregon Association of Defense Counsel Fall Seminar, Portland, OR, 2016

"Better Charting of the Patient Encounter," Casey Eye Institute, Portland, OR, 2015

"How to Approach Plaintiffs Regarding Lien Information and What to Do When You Can't Get It," Oregon Association of Defense Counsel Annual Convention, Sunriver, OR, 2015

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## OUTSIDE OF THE OFFICE

Outside of the office Donna enjoys beekeeping, live music, reading and riding her motorcycle.

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## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

**Third Angle New Music**, Board of Directors, 2016 — 2019