

Janet M. Schroer

PARTNER

Janet frequently serves the firm's clients in the Oregon Court of Appeals and Oregon Supreme Court, and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. She also represents her clients' business, professional and personal interests before various trial courts and professional licensing agencies. Her practice requires that she often work closely with the client's general counsel or trial lawyer on appellate matters, so she has developed a strong and long lasting relationship with other lawyers.

Janet has handled well over 50 cases to final decision in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. She has argued over 30 cases and taken them to final opinion in the Oregon Supreme Court, and argued over 130 cases resulting in opinions in the Oregon Court of Appeals. She has also handled appeals in the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, Idaho Supreme Court, Nevada Supreme Court, and Washington Court of Appeals and Supreme Court.

Janet defends doctors, lawyers and other professionals in Oregon state and federal trial courts. She also handles all aspects of professional malpractice, commercial litigation, products liability and general litigation.

She also represents Oregon professionals in matters involving their licensing Boards. She works frequently with the various Oregon professional licensing Boards.

EDUCATION

University of Oregon Law School

J.D., Order of the Coif, 1981

Bowling Green University



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Practice Areas

Appellate Law

Civil Rights Defense

Dental Malpractice Defense

Healthcare Data Security, Privacy,
and HIPAA Compliance

Legal Malpractice Defense

Licensing, Board Matters, and
Regulatory Agencies Representation

Medical Malpractice Defense

Personal Injury and Wrongful Death
Defense

Product Liability Defense

Professional Liability Defense

B.A., *cum laude*, 1978

EXPERIENCE

Hart Wagner LLP

Partner, 1992–present

Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt

Partner, 1989–92

Associate, 1981–1988

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Oregon State Court

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S District Court: District of Oregon

U.S. Court of Appeals: Ninth Circuit

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Oregon Super Lawyers

Appellate, 2006–2024

Top 10 Lawyers, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

Top 25 Women Lawyers, 2009–2013, 2017–2024

“Schroer as in Prayer,” Featured In, Oregon Super Lawyers magazine, 2015

Best Lawyers in America

Appellate Practice, 2003 — 2024

Bet-the-Company Litigation, 2024

Personal Injury Litigation: Defendants, 2014 — 2024

Professional Malpractice Law: Defendants, 2014 — 2024

Portland Lawyer of the Year, Appellate Law, 2016

Portland Lawyer of the Year, Personal Injury Litigation — Defendants, 2020, 2024

Portland Lawyer of the Year, Professional Malpractice Law — Defendants, 2014, 2017, 2019, 2024

Lewis & Clark Law School

Harpole Attorney Award, 2013

Martindale-Hubbell

AV Preeminent 5.0 out of 5 Peer Review Rated

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Current Circuit Court Judge Pro Tempore in Clackamas County and previous Pro Tempore Judge in Multnomah County Circuit Court

Oregon Judicial Department, Uniform Trial Court Rules Committee, 2015, Chair 2016 — 2021

American Board of Trial Advocates, elected in 1996

American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, elected in 2008

Oregon State Bar, 1981, Litigation Section Executive Committee, 1988–1994 (Chair 1992–93), Local Professional Responsibility Committee, 1987–91, CLE Program Planner, Civil Litigation 1990–96, Oregon Trial Advocacy College, 2008–11

Multnomah Bar Association, Judicial Screening Committee, 1994–97 (Chair 1996–97)

Oregon Association of Defense Counsel, Amicus Committee, 1994 — 2022, Professional Liability Practice, Leader, 1994–95, Publications Committee, 1992–94

Oregon Medical Association, Medical Malpractice Loss Prevention Education Committee, 1993–96, Planner for and Speaker at Medical Malpractice Loss Prevention Seminars, 1993–2010

Fair Dismissal Appeals Board, 1985–93

Multnomah County Circuit Court, Arbitrator, 2000 — present

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

“Civil Pleading and Practice,” Oregon State Bar CLE, Co-editor, 1994, 1998, 2000, 2006, 2011, 2020 (2020 version combining publication with civil Litigation Manual)

Professional Liability Fund and Oregon State Bar, Statute of Limitations Publication Review Board, 2018, 2022

“Effective Written Advocacy,” Chapter in Appeal and Review: Beyond the Basics, Co-author, 2014 edition

PRESENTATIONS

“Civility,” American Board of Trial Attorneys (ABOTA), November 2019

“Appellate Case Update,” Professional Liability Fund Annual Conference, 2019, 2022

“Application of OTCA Damages Cap in Federal Court Post Horton,” Oregon Association of Defense Counsel Annual Convention, 2019

“Learning the Ropes,” Oregon State Bar, new Bar admittees, appellate table captain multiple years

“Preserving Appellate Issues,” Multnomah Bar Association CLE, May 2018, and multiple prior years

“Lightning Round: Who’s a Qualified Expert?” Oregon Association of Defense Counsel Annual Convention, 2018

“Mediation after Alfieri,” Oregon Association of Defense Counsel Annual Convention, 2017

“Dental Risk Management,” CNA Insurance, 2017

“Horton v. OHSU: Meaning and Impact,” Oregon State Bar CLE, 2016

“What a Difference a Border Makes,” Physicians Insurance, Oregon and Washington Malpractice Law, September, 2016

“Horton v. OHSU,” Oregon Association of Defense Counsel Seminar, 2016

“Appellate Update,” Oregon Association of Defense Counsel Seminar, multiple years

“Appellate Tips for Litigators — Intake and Pretrial Issues,” Oregon Law Institute, 2012

“Trial Advocacy,” Oregon Trial Advocacy College, 2011 and multiple years

“Medical Malpractice Loss Prevention,” Oregon Medical Association Seminar, 1996–present, multiple years