

RICHELLE R. LITTLE

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Washington, Seattle, WA

B.A., Philosophy, Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

Assistant Attorney General, Government Compliance and Enforcement 2021-Present

Representing health care profession boards and commissions in licensing actions under the Uniform Disciplinary Act and Administrative Procedure Act. Primary duties include reviewing evidence; collaborating with agency staff attorneys; reviewing and drafting pleadings; conducting discovery; motions practice; presenting at hearings; handling appeals of agency adjudications.

Staff Attorney, Washington State Department of Health 2018-2021

Duties included drafting pleadings and proposed settlement agreements for health care disciplinary actions; providing legal guidance to investigators; discussing charging decisions with program staff, boards and commissions; negotiating settlements; analyzing proposed legislation.

Attorney, Solo Practice 2013-2018

Practice included providing estate planning services, representing individuals and serving as guardian ad litem for Title 11 (adult) guardianships in Thurston County, and contracting with local tribes to provide criminal law and dependency representation in tribal courts.

Regulatory Vice Chair, Western Institutional Review Board 2009-2013

Duties included facilitating decision-making meetings with board members; analyzing medical research proposals for regulatory and ethical compliance; communicating with researchers in writing and by phone; participating in quality improvement projects; presenting trainings to board members, staff, and research teams; conducting regulatory site audits of research facilities.

Appellate Law Clerk, Washington Court of Appeals Div. I (W. Baker; J. Leach) 2007-2009

Duties included reviewing lower court records and parties' briefs, conducting legal research and analysis, drafting bench memoranda with recommendations to the court for civil and criminal appeals, attending oral arguments, and editing draft opinions.

Legal Extern, U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington (T. Zilly) Winter 2006

Conducted legal research and drafted recommendations to the court for complex civil motions.

COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Publications Committee Chair, WSBA Administrative Law Section, 2019-present.

Secretary, WSBA Administrative Law Section, Oct. 2019-Sept 2023.

Pro Bono Mediator and Trainer, Dispute Resolution Center of Thurston County, 2012-2019.

Western Institutional Review Board, Community Board Member, 2013-2016.

King County Bar Association Volunteer Legal Services, Law Clinic and Estate Planning, 2007-2009.

Legal Voice (Northwest Women's Law Center), Legal Information and Referral Line, 2004-2007.

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Statement of Interest

April 15, 2024

Dear Nominating Committee:

I was nominated to serve as At-Large member to fill a vacant position last fall. Prior to that, I served as Secretary of the section's Executive Committee for four terms. I have served on the sections Publications Committee since approximately 2019, and am currently working with WSBA to bring our process for publishing the Washington Administrative Law Practice Manual into alignment with the process for other WSBA deskbook. As intended with my appointment, I would like to complete the current term as At-Large member through September 2024.

Sincerely,

Richelle Little