

Health Care Law and the Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act Faculty Biographies

Jonathon Bashford, Lane Powell

Jonathon Bashford provides regulatory advice to health care and long term care providers including hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and independent living communities. He is also experienced in complex regulatory litigation including administrative hearings, state and federal court litigation, and appeals. His areas of practice include state licensure, Medicare and Medicaid certification and payment, fraud and abuse, certificates of need, HIPAA, guardianships and estates, public records, and administrative procedure. Jon is a graduate of Harvard Law School, where he was student body treasurer and a board member of the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau.

Kurt Boehl, Law Office of Kurt E. Boehl, PLLC

Kurt's practice includes criminal defense as well as marijuana regulatory compliance. Kurt founded the Law Office of Kurt E. Boehl, PLLC in 2005. Since then, Kurt has been recognized as one of the top lawyers in Washington State. He is a member of the National Trial Lawyers, an exclusive legal organization composed of the top 100 trial lawyers from each state. Washington Law and Politics Magazine named Kurt a Rising Star for the past four years, and Seattle Met Magazine named Kurt as one of Washington State's top criminal defense attorneys. In addition, Kurt was awarded the prestigious Martindale Hubbell AV rating and is ranked Superb by the AVVO attorney rating service.

Kurt is a frequent speaker on marijuana laws. For the past three years, Kurt has spoken at Seattle Hempfest, and recently spoke on marijuana legalization at the 2013 High Times Cannabis Cup. Kurt is also a sustaining member of National Cannabis Industry Association (NCIA) and a member of the National Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML).

Scott Breneman, Breneman Grube PLLC

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, and an Eagle member of the Washington State Association of Justice. He 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.

Kitti Cramer, Premera Blue Cross

Kitti Cramer is the Senior Vice President, Government & Public Affairs of Premera. She also is a Deputy General Counsel and Premera's Privacy Official. Her primary responsibilities include having executive oversight of Congressional and Legislative Affairs and Corporate Communications, and direct oversight of the Regulatory Affairs Program, the Privacy Program, and the company's implementation of the Affordable Care Act, including the Exchanges. She also continues to provide legal advice concerning state and federal privacy and security laws and many provisions of the Affordable Care Act and related state insurance laws. Kitti has been with Premera since June 1998. She received her law degree from the University of Washington School of Law in 1998 and a bachelor of science degree in psychology with honors, magna cum laude, in 1994 from the University of Washington. In addition, she received a master's degree in health administration from the University of Washington in 2001.

Thomas Degan, Keane Law Offices

Thomas "Tom" Degan is an attorney at the Keane Law Offices. Tom has successfully litigated cases in federal and state courts, administrative hearings, and before arbitration panels. He has been an Eagle member of the Washington State Association for Justice for more than a decade. Tom takes particular pride in maximizing his clients' recoveries through creative and determined efforts to reduce insurance subrogation claims.

Tyler Goldberg-Hoss, Chemnick, Moen, & Greenstreet

Tyler Goldberg-Hoss is a partner in the Seattle firm of Chemnick Moen Greenstreet. The firm 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 Chair of the New Member Committee. He is a 2009 graduate of the University of Washington School of Law.

Ashley Greenberg, Northwest Justice Project

Ashley Greenberg has been a CLEAR staff attorney with the Northwest Justice Project in Seattle since graduating from the University of Washington School of Law in 2008. Before and during law school, Ashley was involved in homelessness, housing, and civil rights issues on Skid Row in downtown Los Angeles, with Picture the Homeless in New York City, and with SYLAW, the Tenants Union, and The Defender Association's Racial Disparity Project in Seattle. Since 2012, her practice at NJP has been split between direct client case work in the areas of health care and public benefits, and advocacy work involving implementation of the Affordable Care Act in Washington State. In her free time, she loves to cook and spend as much time as possible with her husband and 1 ½ year-old daughter.

Megan Grover Howell, Group Health Cooperative

Megan Grover Howell is the Director of Regulatory Affairs and Policy at Group Health Cooperative, a local member-governed, nonprofit health care system that coordinates care and coverage. In this position, Megan oversees the internal communication process and analysis of new state and federal requirements, along with advocating externally on behalf of Group Health. One of the hallmarks of her current position is working with business operation teams across the organization to implement the ever-changing health care reform requirements—on both the provider and health plan side.

Prior to her current position, Megan worked within the field of regulatory compliance in both the health insurance carrier and brokerage settings. She currently serves as Vice Chair on the Board of Directors for the Association of Washington Healthcare Plans. Megan received her Juris Doctor in 2004 from Seattle University School of Law, cum laude, and also holds a Bachelor of Science degree with honors in Psychology from the University of Washington, 2001.

Harold Malkin, Deputy Chief of the Civil Division of the United States Attorney's Office ("USAO") for the Western District of Washington in Seattle

Harold Malkin is Deputy Chief of the Civil Division of the United States Attorney's Office ("USAO") for the Western District of Washington in Seattle, where he also serves as Chief of the Affirmative Civil Enforcement ("ACE") prosecuting individuals and entities suspected of defrauding the government. He began his legal career at the Department of Justice in 1988 in the Civil Fraud Section of the Commercial Litigation Branch of the Civil Division and subsequently joined the USAO in Seattle in 1994. Harold left the USAO for private practice in 2001 and joined the Seattle litigation firm then known as Yarmuth Wilsdon Calfo where he eventually became a partner. He returned to the USAO in 2008. A graduate of Hamilton College and Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago, Harold also spent two years before joining DOJ as a law clerk on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Karin Mitchell, Johnson, Graffe, Keay, Moniz & Wick, LLP

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 a period of 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. In 2008, Ms. Mitchell resigned from Amgen 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. Ms. Mitchell has published textbook chapters on a variety of topics in oncology, immunology and critical care medicine. In 1996, Ms. Mitchell had the privilege of leading the President Eisenhower Citizen Ambassador Delegation to South Africa. Ms. Mitchell has been lecturing nationally and internationally on issues in healthcare since 1992.

Donna M. Moniz, Johnson, Graffe, Keay, Moniz & Wick LLP

Donna M. 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. A law school graduate of the University of Washington, Ms. Moniz has 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.

Olga Owens, Patient Law Advocate

Olga K. Owens is a recent graduate of Seattle University's School of Law, and a member of the law school's attorney incubator program. Her roles within the medical system have included: parent of a medically fragile infant, parent consultant (and change agent) at Seattle Children's Hospital, and patient advisor with Washington State's Foundation for Health Care Quality. She has worked with the University of Washington School of Medicine on the HealthPact Initiative, creating a new paradigm for resolving disputes after an unexpected healthcare outcome. In 2014, Olga launched the Patient Law Advocate, PLLC, focusing on helping patients and families navigate the medical and insurance systems.

John Peick, Peick Boyer Law Group, P.S.

John Peick received his law degree from the University of Washington and was admitted to practice law in Washington state in 1975. He has devoted himself to the highest standards of ethics and professional conduct, building a reputation for effective and caring advocacy. In 1984, he became involved in the representation of chiropractors and began devoting significant time to matters of health care law that affected the group. Gradually, he developed a niche practice that serves health care providers, especially, CAM providers such as chiropractors, acupuncturists and naturopaths. In addition to his work in the area of health care law, Mr. Peick handles a broad spectrum of business law matters and represents plaintiffs in personal injury litigation. He is active in local, statewide and national legal organizations, and is a frequent speaker on regulatory compliance, health law, business law, litigation, and complementary alternative medicine integration.

Michelle Peterson, DLA Piper

Michelle Peterson is a shareholder at DLA Piper in its Seattle Office. Michelle focuses 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.

Michelle is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School. She was a federal law clerk for the District of Minnesota, the Honorable Richard H. Kyle, and the Western District of Washington, the Honorable James L. Robart. She was formerly a partner at the Seattle litigation firm then known as Yarmuth Wilsdon Calfo, and a shareholder at Lane Powell.

Brian Peyton, Washington Health Benefit Exchange

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.

Commissioner Eric Schmidt, Court of Appeals Division II

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, Lane Powell

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 and 2014 by Super Lawyers magazine.

John Strait, Seattle University School of Law

John Strait is an Associate Professor of Law at Seattle University School of Law. Professor Strait is a graduate of Yale Law School. He maintains a private practice as a consulting expert in legal malpractice and professional responsibility. Professor Strait has taught, researched, and written in the field of professional responsibility and legal malpractice since 1976. He has appeared as an expert witness in ten states and fifteen counties in the State of Washington. He has been a court-appointed expert in the federal courts of Washington, Alaska, Oregon, and Hawaii. He served as Special District Counsel to the Washington State Bar Association Office of Legal Discipline and ran a clinical course in lawyer discipline screening complaints against lawyers for probable cause for the Washington State Bar Association from 1991-2005. Professor Strait also has served on the Rules of Professional Conduct Committee for the State of Washington for much of the last 25 years. He served as a member and Chair of the Seattle Port Authority Ethics Advisory Commission from its inception until 2009.

Anne van Leynseele

Anne is passionate about helping healthcare organizations maximize productivity by assisting them in understanding and complying with the fast-paced changes happening in Federal and State regulations. She spent four years as a federal attorney advisor in health care policy in Washington, DC. Upon returning to Washington State, she jumped into revising a State law that more clearly defines patient record confidentiality standards, and works to apply her regulatory and legal knowledge to help covered entities transition to full compliance for better patient care in Snohomish County.

Prior to becoming an attorney, Anne managed the business development of production and technology entities, advised corporations on process efficiency, defined corporate communication strategies for Fortune 100 companies, and owned her own Los Angeles-based film production company. She is a triathlete, a mentor to foster children applying to college, serves on the Community Health Centers Executive Board, and is happy to once again live in her hometown of Edmonds.

Sarah K. Weinberg, M.D., Healthcare For All - Washington

Dr. Weinberg is a board certified pediatrician, retired in 2003 after 20 years of practice, mostly in a small solo practice in Woodinville. She is also certified in Sports Medicine. She worked for 3 years as the Medical Director of North End Community Health Care, a small neighborhood clinic that served the uninsured, in Wallingford. The clinic merged with Fremont Women's Clinic to become the 45th Street Community Clinic in 1984. She has been involved with advocacy for a national health program for at least 25 years. Member of Physicians for a National Health Program since soon after its founding in 1987. Currently the President of PNHP Western Washington. Became a part of Healthcare 2000 in 1998, as part of the committee writing the original Washington Health Security Trust bill that was run unsuccessfully as an initiative in 2000. Healthcare 2000 became Health Care for All – Washington. Currently Vice President of HCFA-WA and the editor of its quarterly newsletter. She is married to U.S. Magistrate Judge John Weinberg. Note that he is not, and cannot be, involved with the issue of advocacy for universal health care.

They have two children, Dr. Ruth K. Weinberg, a gynecologist with the Boulder Valley Women's Clinic in Colorado, and Ted Weinberg, a computer programming consultant with Avanade in Seattle. They also have two grandchildren. Hobbies and activities: competed in Masters synchronized swimming for 30 years; duplicate bridge; Siamese cats; needlework and quilting; singing in the Temple B'nai Torah choir.

Joanne Werner, R.N., M.S., J.D., Law Office of Joanne R. Werner

Joanne R. Werner has been practicing law in Washington since 1993. Prior to graduating from Seattle University School of Law, she obtained a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Duke University and practiced nursing in New York, Colorado, British Columbia and Washington. She holds a Master of Science degree from University of Colorado and has taught graduate and undergraduate nursing at University of Washington. Her law firm is exclusively devoted to the representation of children and adults who have been severely injured due to the negligence of health care providers including physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and nursing homes. She also represents people injured by negligent drivers, defective products and due to unsafe workplaces

Stephanie Wilson, Seattle University School of Law

Stephanie Wilson is the Head of Reference Services at Seattle University School of Law. She provides law and interdisciplinary research for faculty scholarship, teaches legal research to law students, and gives presentations about research in law school courses. Her research areas include bioethics, elder law, domestic violence, LGBT issues, and assisted reproductive technology. Ms. Wilson participated in an exploration of global bioethics issues as a 2007 Faculty Fellow with Seattle University's Center for the Study of Justice and Society. She was an Associate Editor of *SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND THE LAW: A RESEARCH BIBLIOGRAPHY*. Ms. Wilson recently presented at the Association of American Law Schools Conference on Clinical Education and at the annual conference of the American Association of Law Libraries.