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Practice Areas

- Bad Faith
- Insurance Coverage
- Professional Liability
- Professional Liability Insurance Coverage

Industry Sectors

- Insurance

Education

- University of Washington School of Law, J.D., 1992
- University of Washington, B.S., 1988

Bar Admissions

- Washington

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court -- Western District of Washington
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of Washington
- Washington Supreme Court

Affiliations

- King County Bar Association
- Professional Liability Underwriting Society
- Washington State Bar Association
- Washington Women Lawyers

Awards & Honors

- Super Lawyers "Rising Stars" - 2006

Shauna Martin Ehlert has a nationwide practice focused on professional liability claims and complex insurance coverage disputes. She regularly acts as coverage counsel, monitoring counsel and carrier representative and litigates declaratory judgment actions on behalf insurers and risk retention groups. Shauna's coverage experience includes professional liability, cyber liability, miscellaneous E&O, employment practices liability, directors & officers liability and bad faith avoidance. Her experience includes policy-drafting and coverage matters involving medical/health care facilities professional care homes, assisted living facilities, and skilled nursing facilities. She frequently lectures on insurance coverage and bad faith issues. Shauna also has successfully defended professional negligence claims against attorneys, escrow agents, notaries, and financial advisers. Her 29 years of litigation experience includes trial practice in Washington, Oregon, Georgia, Hawaii, and California. Shauna prides herself on her ability to aggressively advocate for her clients while maintaining a strong sense of professionalism and collegiality.

Shauna acts as the pro bono coordinator for the Seattle office of Cozen O'Connor. She has represented many immigrants in asylum proceedings, has successfully recovered reparations on behalf of Holocaust survivors, and has assisted veterans in disability claims. The Northwest Immigrant Rights Project has honored her with its Amicus Award for spearheading pro bono efforts on behalf of immigration and asylum clients. She has also been nominated as Outstanding Mentor by the Washington Young Lawyers for her efforts in mentoring young attorneys.

Shauna earned her Bachelor of Science and her law degree from the University of Washington in 1988 and 1992, respectively. She rowed for the women's crew team during her undergraduate career, and while in law school, she was a member of the Moot Court Honor Board and Order of Barristers. In her spare time, Shauna enjoys spending time with her family and traveling in the great Northwest and beyond.

Experience

Successfully compelled arbitration of a coverage dispute under a risk retention group policy.

Negotiated a favorable settlement of a receiver's \$8 million claim against a D&O policy based upon alleged malfeasance of directors and officers.

Successfully defended a receiver's \$2.5 million claim under a D&O policy.

Successful summary judgment of dismissal of a \$2.25M legal malpractice claim involving an admitted mistake by a lawyer. This result was affirmed on appeal.

Successful summary judgment of dismissal of a \$1.5M bad faith claim under a claims-made-and-reported insurance policy.

Successful summary judgment of dismissal of bad faith claims arising from an insurer's filing of a declaratory judgment action while providing a defense to the insured.

Successful rescission action of a professional liability insurance policy based upon misrepresentations

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in the application.

Successful summary judgment of dismissal in an escrow agent malpractice case involving alleged notarization of a forged signature.

Successful summary judgment of dismissal of a legal malpractice action against an estate's attorney by a beneficiary.

Successful summary judgment of dismissal of a \$3M legal malpractice claim involving alleged failure to properly advise clients regarding settlement. This result was affirmed on appeal.

Successful summary judgment of dismissal of a \$1M legal malpractice claim involving alleged failure to advise clients regarding other funding mechanisms for construction projects. This result was affirmed on appeal.

Successfully opposed summary judgment in a construction defect lawsuit involving failure of a home's foundation.