



JEANNE F. LOFTIS

Shareholder-in- Charge

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Jeanne Loftis is a trial attorney passionate about defending companies in the Pacific Northwest during the most stressful situations they will ever face. Clients seek out her guidance on commercial and casualty cases when their problems are especially complicated and can only be resolved at trial. Jeanne is nationally recognized and has a proven track record after trying 25+ cases to verdict as First Chair. She has taken more cases to trial than most civil litigators.

Jeanne tackles complex mass tort, employment, and product liability litigation, with participation ranging from a key leader of a national trial team to defending cases in collaboration with other defendants. She has successfully defended hundreds of products cases involving asbestos, breast implant, pelvic mesh, medical drug, and other medical device liability claims.

TYPES OF CASES

- Product liability
- Insurance coverage
- Premises liability
- Employer Liability Law (ELL)
- Employment litigation
- Enforcement of non-competition agreements
- Construction injury and defect
- Investor mismanagement and fraud
- Environmental cleanup
- Sex abuse
- High exposure vehicular casualty

Given her decades of experience, Jeanne knows how to move things forward and build a vigorous defense. Her priority is minimizing the impact on clients and bringing about a positive result to achieve their goals in a case. She presents a realistic assessment outlining the risks and what they can expect and helps them understand their options early on so they can make good business decisions. She then provides a roadmap with a budget and communicates regularly with decision-makers on the case to keep them in the loop as to what can happen next.

Jeanne enjoys the challenge of figuring out the best avenue to resolution for each unique case. She brings an innate ability to think on her feet and respond to unexpected events as they develop. With her clear and confident approach, she has a way of bringing a story to a jury that they can relate to and understand.

After working together through litigation, clients often turn to Jeanne for counsel to minimize their risk going forward. She provides board advice and contract oversight and manages litigation, including defense of employment lawsuits.

PRACTICE AREAS

Asbestos Litigation
Commercial Litigation
Employment Counseling & Litigation
Personal & Catastrophic Injury Litigation
Product Liability
Transportation

EDUCATION

- University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law – J.D., 1991
- University of California, Davis – B.S., 1985, Physiology

BAR ADMISSIONS

- California, 1992
- Oregon, 1991
- Washington, 2004

**PROFESSIONAL AND
CIVIC INVOLVEMENT**

Professional

- American Bar Association Client Counseling Regional Competition (Judge, 2021)
- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)(Member, 2010-Present)
- Association of Defense Trial Attorneys (Vice-Chair, Membership Committee, 2019-Present; Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, 2020-Present; Member, 2015-Present)
- Defense Research Institute (Vice Chair, 2021 Corporate Counsel Roundtable Steering Committee, 2018-Present; Member, Governance Committee, 2021; Vice Chair, External Policy Groups Committee, 2018-2020; Northwest Regional Director, Board of Directors, 2014-2017; Oregon State Representative, State and Local Defense Associations (SLDO), 2010-2014; Member, Regional Director Roundtable, 2015-2017; Board Liaison, Data Management and Security Committee, 2016-2017; Member, Board Liaisons to Employment & Labor Law Committee, 2014-2016; Chair, Board Liaison Training, 2017; Vice Chair, Board Liaison Training, 2016; Member & Former Vice Chair, Philanthropic Activities Committee, 2017-Present; Chair, National Program for State and Local Defense Organizations (SLDO), Annual Meeting Steering Committee, 2016; Member, 1998-Present)
- Disability Rights Legal Center (Volunteer Attorney, Education Advocacy Program, 1993-1995)
- Legal Aid Services of Oregon (Instructor, 2002-2005)
- Multnomah Bar Association (Chair, Continuing Legal Education Committee, 1991-1993)
- Oregon Association of Defense Counsel (Editor-in-Chief, OADC's The Verdict, 2001-Present; Chair, Past Presidents Advisory Board, 2019-Present; Member, Board of Directors, 2004-2011; Member, Governmental Affairs Committee, 2009-present; Member, Political Action Committee, 2009-Present; Member, Nominating Committee, 2011-2015;

- President, 2011; President Elect, 2010; Co-Chair, Annual Convention, 2007; Member, 2000-Present)
- Oregon State Bar (Chair 2020, Litigation Section, Executive Committee, 2013-Present; Member, Planning Committee, Litigation Institute, 2018 & 2019; Founding Member, Diversity Section, Executive Committee, 2002-2009; Chair, Diversity Section, Executive Committee, 2003-2004; Education & Advancement – Access to Justice Sub-Committee, 2009-2010; Co-Chair, New Lawyer Mentoring Program, MCLE Committee, 1993-1994)
- Oregon Board of Bar Examiners (Chair 2004-2005, Member, 2002-2005)
- Oregon Supreme Court (Member, Civil Law Advisory Committee to Chief Justice, 2009)
- Oregon Women Lawyers (Volunteer, Mentor Program, 1992-1993)
- Andrew Legal Clinic (Volunteer Attorney, 1992-2006)
- Texas Young Lawyers Association (Regional Judge, Region 13, National Trial Competition, 2015)

Community

- Boy Scouts of America (Merit Badge Counselor, 2008-Present)
- Inclusive Catholic Education of Oregon, Inc. (Founder, 2015-Present), championing inclusion of students with intellectual disabilities
- Hood Kiwanis Camp (President, Board of Directors, 2020-Present; Member, Board of Directors, 2013-Present)
- Multnomah County Animal Services (Hearings Officer, 1993-2016)
- James Child Development Center (Member, Advisory & Advocacy Board, 2005-2008)
- Thomas More School (Volunteer, 2000-2014; Member, School Advisory Committee, 2012-2014; Raffle Chair, 2008 & 2010-2012; Chair, Spaghetti Dinner, 2009)
- Washington County Parks and Recreation (District 2 Representative, Advisory Board, 1993-1998)
- West Slope Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) (Member, Board of Directors, 2001-2005)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- AV®Preeminent™, Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell since 2004
- Best Lawyers®2020, 2018, 2016 & 2014 Portland-OR Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants “Lawyer of the Year”
- The Best Lawyers in America®(2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011 – Commercial Litigation; Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants; Product Liability Litigation – Defendants)
- “Local Litigation Star” byBenchmark Litigation (2018, 2017, 2016 & 2015 –Construction; General Commercial; Personal Injury; Product Liability)
- Oregon Super Lawyers (2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 [Top 25 Women List], 2011 [Top 25 Women List], 2010, 2009 – Personal Injury Defense: Products)
- Best Buddies Oregon, Champions of Inclusion Award, 2020
- Defense Research Institute’s 2018 Fred H. Sievert Awardfor her contributions towards achieving the goals and objectives of an

organized defense bar

- Defense Research Institute's 2014 State Leadership Award for directing and guiding DRI membership activity within the state of Oregon, for upholding the tenets of DRI and for her service in the role of State Representative
- Oregon Association of Defense Counsel's 2012 Appreciation Award for her outstanding contributions as the 2011 President
- Defense Research Institute's 2011-2012 Exceptional Performance Citation for having supported and improved the standards and education of the defense bar, and for her work with the Oregon Association of Defense Counsel in having contributed to the improvement of the administration of justice in the public interest
- Tracy G. Helms Memorial Scholarship (1989-1990)
- Legislative Review Staff for Volume 21 of the Pacific Law Journal (April 1989)
- Comment Staff Writers Staff of the Pacific Law Journal (September 1989)
- Board of Editors as the Articles Editor for the Pacific Law Journal
- John A. Stauffer Legal Research Fellowship Program (1989-1990)
- Women Lawyers of Sacramento Scholarship (April 1990)

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Speaker & Co-Author, "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Autopsies (and Probably More)," DRI Asbestos Medicine Seminar (2017)
- Panelist, "Trying the 8 Figure Case," Washington Defense Trial Lawyers, Women's Commission (WDTL) (2017)
- Moderator, "How DRI SLCs/SLDOs Can Work Better Together," Defense Research Institute (DRI) Leadership Conference (2017)
- Speaker, "Changes to Federal Rules," Montana Defense Trial Lawyers (MDTL) Annual CLE Seminar (2016)
- Chair, Defense Research Institute (DRI) Annual Meeting, National Program for State and Local Defense Organizations (SLDO) (2016)
- Speaker, "Components of Successful Rainmaking How to Find What Works for You," Oregon Women Lawyers (OWLS) Rainmaking Mentoring Circle Mid-Program Meeting (2016)
- Speaker, "Reptile Theory: Preparing Witnesses for 'Reptile' Depositions and Dealing with Reptile Tactics," Oregon Association of Defense Counsel (OADC) Fall Seminar (2015)
- Panelist, "ADR," Idaho Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) Annual Meeting (2015)
- Co-Speaker & Author, "Premises Owners—How Far Out Can the Duty of Care Net Be Cast?" Defense Research Institute (DRI) Asbestos Medicine Seminar (2014)
- Moderator, Defense Research Institute (DRI) National Program for State and Local Defense Organizations (2014)
- Co-Speaker, "Primer on Oregon Civil Procedure," Washington Defense Trial Lawyers (WDTL) (2014)
- Panelist, "Charting Your Course: Some Things to Consider," Defense Research Institute (DRI) Leadership Conference (2014)
- Co-Speaker & Author, "Trial Techniques and Technology: Using Exhibits and Technology to Your Advantage," Defense Research Institute (DRI) Product Liability Conference (2013)
- Speaker, "Rules and Experts North of Portlandia," Washington Defense Trial Lawyers (WDTL) CLE Seminar (2013)
- Moderator, "Marketing to In-House Counsel – What Do You Need to Know?"

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PRESENTATIONS**

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- Oregon State Bar (OSB) Convocation on Equality (2011)
- Speaker & Author, “Disproving Plaintiff’s Exposure: Sequencing on Land and Sea,” Defense Research Institute (DRI) Asbestos Medicine Seminar (2010)
- Speaker, “How Not to Make an Opening Statement,” Oregon Association of Defense Counsel (OADC) Defense Practice Academy (2010)
- Speaker & Author, “Depositions of Product Identification Witnesses in Asbestos Cases,” HarrisMartin’s Asbestos Litigation Conference (2009)
- Co-Speaker & Author, “Discovery: Reducing the Cost and Burden of Overly Broad and Voluminous Requests to Avoid Coercive Settlements,” American Conference Institute (ACI) National Advanced Forum on Litigating and Managing Asbestos Claims (2009)
- Moderator, “First-Year Law Student Orientation,” University of Oregon School of Law (2009)
- Speaker & Author, “Opening Statements in Asbestos Cases: What to Include and What to Avoid,” HarrisMartin’s Asbestos Litigation Conference (2008)
- Speaker & Author, “Diesel Fumes—Is It the Next Asbestos Litigation?” Defense Research Institute (DRI) Product Liability Conference (2007)
- Speaker, “Red Sky in the Morning, Sailor Take Warning – The Storms on the Horizon,” Defense Research Institute (DRI) Product Liability Conference (2007)
- Speaker & Author, “Emerging Torts: Diesel Exhaust, Food Additives [Diacetyl, Olestra, Aspartame, Trans Fat] and By-Products [Benzene, Acrylamide],” Washington Defense Trial Lawyers (WDTL) Annual Tort Law Update (2007)
- Moderator, Opportunities for Lawyers in Oregon (OLIO) Annual Retreat (2007 & 2006) Co-
- Author, “New Wave of Asbestos Claims: Update on Federal Asbestos Litigation,” American Bar Association (ABA) Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS), Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee Midyear Program (2004)
- Speaker, “Trial Tips: Three Sure-Fire Ways to Reduce Judgments,” Defense Research Institute (DRI) Product Liability Conference (2003)
- Co-Speaker & Author, “Successful Strategies for Vaccine Litigation,” American Conference Institute (ACI) National Advanced Forum on Drug and Medical Device Litigation (2002)
- Author, “Various Case Notes,” Oregon Association of Defense Counsel (OADC) Newsletter (2001 & 2000)
- Speaker, “Training Program for Local Counsel,” Dow Chemical (1996) Author, “Directors and Officers’ Liability for Environmental Cleanup Costs,” 24 Tort & Insurance Law Journal (1993)
- Co-Author, “Oregon DEQ New Site Discovery Rules,” Oregon State Bar (OSB) Environmental and Natural Resources Law News (1991)
- Executive Editor & Published Author, Pacific Law Review, 21 Pacific L. Journal 995, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law (1990)