



## Professional Background Sharon Ambrosia-Walt

Sharon Ambrosia-Walt's practice draws upon over 25 years of experience in representing and counseling clients considering or involved in civil litigation. Sharon has acted as both local and regional counsel for major product manufacturers of child restraints, ladders and step stools, cranes, and tires, and has litigated, mediated, and managed these product claims in Washington, Oregon, and Montana. She has defended asbestos claims for a variety of manufacturers and has litigated a wide variety of business disputes arising from both private and public contracts. Sharon has counseled trade organizations on regulatory compliance, and assisted businesses to improve risk management. She has represented doctors, lawyers, insurance agents, real estate agents, appraisers, and other professionals. Her trial experience has been on behalf of both plaintiffs and defendants, and she has argued several successful appeals before Washington appellate courts as well as the Ninth and Sixth Federal Circuit Courts of Appeal. Sharon's current practice focuses on products liability, errors and omissions/professional liability, insurance defense, contracts and commercial disputes, and insurance coverage and bad faith litigation.

### **EDUCATION**

Seattle University School of Law – J.D., *cum laude*, 1985  
American Jurisprudence Award in Constitutional Law  
Corpus Juris Secundum Award for Academic Achievement  
Regional First Place and National Semifinalist in the Giles Rich Moot Court Competition

Niagara University – B.A. in English Education, *magna cum laude*, 1978

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Washington State Bar  
Oregon State Bar  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth and Ninth Circuits  
U.S. District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Washington  
U.S. Court of Federal Claims

### **NOTABLE RESULTS**

Successfully defended real estate agency sued for errors and omissions over the sale of certain residential lots on Mercer Island. Case was tried to verdict

in King County Superior Court resulting in a dismissal of all claims and awarding the agency its attorney's fees and costs.

Obtained a summary judgment dismissal of all claims against a manufacturer of child restraints for product liability against allegations that the seat failed to properly restrain the child thus resulting in catastrophic personal injury. Dismissal was upheld by Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Achieved favorable settlement for government contractor that had sustained significant damages and losses in the course of leasing trailers to the USPS. Settlement followed the successful results of summary judgment motions in this breach of contract case. *Vassar v. U.S.*, 63 Fed. Cl 166 (2004).

Attained a significant reduction in overall amounts paid in settlements as well as reduced transaction costs for product manufacturer while defending multiple asbestos suits—many dismissed on summary judgment—against manufacturer in Oregon and Washington.

#### **PERSONAL INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES**

Travel, gardening, theater, and American political history.