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Focus

Commercial Litigation Legal Malpractice Defense and Legal Ethics Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources

Profile

Elizabeth Knight is Dunn Carney's Managing Partner. She is also a member of Dunn Carney's Litigation Team and has a broad practice including commercial litigation, eminent domain, environmental and natural resources, and legal malpractice defense. Elizabeth has been recognized by Super Lawyers and Best Lawyers in the area of business litigation, and has been honored multiple times as "Lawyer of the Year" for her legal malpractice defense work.

With every case she handles, Elizabeth strives to find creative solutions which lead to excellent results for her clients. She uses a holistic approach, balancing vigorous advocacy with measured, strategic litigation, consistent with the client's goals.

Elizabeth is a member of Dunn Carney's Executive Committee. She has held numerous other leadership roles within the firm including Hiring Partner, President of Dunn Carney Cares (the firm's private foundation) and Chair of the firm's charitable giving and pro bono programs, and was also a founding member of the IDEA Squad (the firm's diversity and inclusion committee). Outside the firm, Elizabeth served as President of the Board of Directors for the Campaign for Equal Justice and as Secretary and Treasurer of the Multnomah Bar Foundation Board of Directors. In recognition of her dedication to pro bono work and service to the profession, she received the Oregon State Bar's 2015 President's Public Service Award.

Admissions

Oregon, 1999

Washington, 2000

U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon, 1999

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington, 2012

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington, 2014

Education

University of Oregon School of Law, J.D., 1999; *Oregon Law Review,* Executive Editor

University of Colorado, B.A., English, *cum laude*, 1992

Honors & Affiliations

Professional Recognition

Super Lawyers, 2015-present, Business litigation and Professional Malpractice Law – Defendants

Best Lawyers in America, 2021-present, Commercial Litigation and Professional Malpractice Defense.

Best Lawyers, 2023 Lawyer of the Year for Professional Malpractice Law-Defendants, Portland, Oregon.

Oregon State Bar President's Public Service Award, 2015

Professional Associations

Oregon State Bar: Legal Ethics Committee, 2025; House of Delegates, 2016-2025; Client Security Fund Committee, member 2002-2005, Chair 2004-2005

Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers, 2025-2026

2181 Alliance: Member, 2025-present, working with a national community of women managing partners

Campaign for Equal Justice Board of Directors: Emeritus Member 2023-present; President, 2017-2020; Vice President, 2015-2017; Secretary, 2014-2015; Director, 2011-2023

Multnomah Bar Association: Managing Partners Roundtable, 2025-present; Board of Directors, 2013-2016; Professionalism Committee, 2013-2014; Court Liaison Committee, 2009-2011; Judicial Screening Committee, 2007-2009; Equality Committee, 2003-2006; YLS Board of Directors, 2004-2005; Pro Bono Committee, 2001-2003

Multnomah Bar Foundation Board of Directors: Director, January 2020-2022; Secretary and Treasurer, 2022

Multnomah Athletic Club: Property Committee member 2022-2025, Chair 2024-2025

Member, Portland Business Journal's PDX BizWomen Coalition

Member, Oregon Women Lawyers

Member, Oregon Association of Defense Counsel

Alumni, Portland Business Alliance's Leadership Portland, Class of 2009

Pro Bono Volunteer, Legal Aid Night Clinic

Past Pro Bono Volunteer, Legal Aid Domestic Violence Project