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Caryn Jorgensen advises clients in tort and commercial litigation matters. She represents businesses, insurance companies, individuals, and non-profits at trial and in alternative dispute resolution proceedings throughout the Pacific Northwest. She has tried cases to verdict in federal court in the Eastern and Western Districts of Washington and in King, Snohomish, and Pierce Counties. In addition to her busy litigation practice, Caryn writes and speaks on aviation and product liability topics and participates in numerous professional organizations. Caryn was selected to *Super Lawyers* in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 and listed in 2016, 2017 and 2018 *The Best Lawyers in America in the field of Commercial Litigation*.



### Practice Areas

[Tort and Commercial Litigation](#)

[Product Liability](#)

[Aviation](#)

[Municipal Law](#)

[Insurance Coverage](#)

[Class Action Litigation](#)

[Adoption Matters](#)

[Mediation](#)

### Education

University of Notre Dame, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1996

Assistant Executive Editor, *Journal of College & University Law*, University of Notre Dame School of Law, 1992-93

College of the Holy Cross, B.A., *cum laude*, 1993

### Admitted to Practice

Washington

Oregon

Alaska

Illinois (inactive)

U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington

U.S. District Court, Oregon

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

## Representative Work

### TRIAL EXPERIENCE

- Defended airline in enforcement action related to security regulations.
- Defended airbag injury case (case resolved mid-trial).
- Defended catastrophic injury case involving motorcycle/dump truck collision (case resolved following jury selection).
- Defended catastrophic injury claim involving handling, stability and restraint allegations.
- Defended product liability claim involving alleged steering lock-up.
- Defended wrongful death product liability claim involving rollover accident.
- Defended product liability claim involving alleged braking malfunction.
- Defended international airline from wheelchair related injury claim.
- Prosecuted property management malpractice claim.
- Defended passenger race discrimination claim for national airline.

### ARBITRATION & MEDIATION

- Arbitrator, King County Mandatory Arbitration Program.
- Completed University of Washington School of Law Professional Mediator Training Course, October 2013.

### REPRESENTATIVE MOTION PRACTICE

- Applied principles of federal preemption under the Air Carrier Access Act to obtain summary judgment and dismissal of personal injury claim against airline arising out of alleged bite by service animal on board.
- Sustained removal from state court based on complete federal preemption of claims under Air Carrier Access Act.
- Obtained summary judgment and dismissal of claims against weather forecasting service based on determination of no duty under contract and tort principles.
- Obtained summary judgment and dismissal of product liability claim in sudden acceleration case based on both merits and as sanction for spoliation of evidence.
- Obtained summary judgment and dismissal of negligent misrepresentation claims against municipal employees and officials.
- Obtained partial summary judgment regarding scope of insurance coverage in condominium construction defect claim.
- Obtained summary judgment and dismissal of federal civil rights and discrimination claim.
- Obtained summary judgment and dismissal of wrongful adoption claim.

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*Results in any particular case cannot predict the outcome in any other case.*

## Professional and Community Activities

### PROFESSIONAL

International Association of Defense Counsel  
International Aviation Women's Association  
King County Bar Association  
King County Washington Women Lawyers  
    Former Board Member  
    Past VP of Publicity  
Northwest Aviation Insurance Association, Board Member  
Washington Defense Trial Lawyers  
Washington State Bar Association  
    Court Rules and Procedures Committee, 2014-2016

### COMMUNITY

Holy Names Academy, Finance Committee, Capital Campaign Executive Committee, and former Trustee  
Volunteer Coach, Our Lady of the Lake Speech Program  
Volunteer Stroke & Turn Judge, Wedgwood Pool (Seattle Summer Swim League)

## Publications and Speaking Engagements

### PUBLICATIONS

Co-author, "Damned If You Do, Damned If You Don't: The Expansion of Tort Liability to Airport Owners and Operators Who Regulate Airline and Vendor Operations," *Journal of Air Law and Commerce*, SMU School of Law, Fall 2016  
Author, "Refusing to Permit Comparative Fault in an Enhanced Injury Case," *WSBA Litigation News*, 2009  
Contributing Author, *Washington Civil Procedure Deskbook*, 2008

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Presenter, "Goodbye 'Sweetheart.' The Ethics of Eliminating Discrimination and Promoting Diversity in Legal Practice," King County Bar Association Aviation and Space Law Section's Annual Meeting, 2017  
Presenter, "Damned if You Do, Damned if You Don't: The Expansion of Tort Liability to Airport Owners and Operators Who Regulated Airline and Vendor Operations," SMU Aviation Law & Insurance Symposium, 2016  
Presenter, "Recent Ethics Opinions from North and South of the Columbia River," KCBA Aviation Section Seminar, 2012  
Instructor, "Trial Skills Program," NITA, 2012 and 2014  
Presenter, "The Challenges of Direct Examination," WSBA CLE, 2010  
Presenter, "Wrongful Adoptions and How Not to Have One," WSBA CLE, 2010  
Presenter, "Automobile Defect Litigation," Product Liability Litigation: Handling Automobile Defect Cases, 2006  
Presenter, "Aviation Case Law Update," Pacific NW Aviation Law and Insurance Seminar, 2004  
Presenter, "Product Liability Case Law Update," WSBA CLE, 2003  
Presenter, "Alternative Dispute Resolution in International Adoption," Joint Council on International Children's Services, 2000

## Recognition

Named to *The Best Lawyers In America*® in the field of Commercial Litigation, U.S. News & World Report, 2016, 2017, and 2018  
Named to *Super Lawyers*, Thomson Reuters, 2013-2018  
Volunteer of the Year, Holy Names Academy, 2007  
Kilkenny Scholar, University of Notre Dame  
Matson Fellow, University of Notre Dame