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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Ruiz & Smart Plaintiff Litigation PLLC, Attorney** 2019–present Seattle, WA
Represents policyholders in insurance bad faith and coverage disputes, the seriously injured, and victims of employment discrimination and harassment
- Keller Rohrback LLP, Associate Attorney** 2013–2019 Seattle, WA
Member of plaintiff tort litigation group with focus on insurance coverage and bad faith, severe personal injury, and employee rights
- Halverson Northwest Law Group, Associate Attorney** 2009–2013 Yakima, WA
Represented businesses and individuals in state and federal courts including contract and tort litigation; real property, environmental, and constitutional takings on behalf of property owners; and employment matters, including administrative disciplinary hearings. Individually tried bench and jury trials as City of Wapato deputy prosecutor.
- Washington State Court of Appeals, Judicial Law Clerk** 2008–2009 Tacoma, WA
HONORABLE DAVID H. ARMSTRONG (RET.): Drafted and edited prehearing memoranda and appellate opinions.
- Attorney General of Washington, Law Clerk** 2006–2008 Bellingham and Seattle, WA
TORTS DIVISION: Researched, drafted, and argued motions on damages, evidence, maritime law, tort claim requirements, breach of contract, employment relations, defamation, and highway liability.
REGIONAL SERVICES DIVISION: Identified and prepared trial evidence and witness lists; researched and drafted memoranda and motions in the practice areas of child dependency, torts, education, and labor and industry.
- Gordon, Tilden, Thomas & Cordell, Paralegal Assistant** 2004–2005 Seattle, WA

EDUCATION

- Seattle University School of Law** J.D. 2008, cum laude Seattle, WA
SEATTLE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW: Lead Article Editor; Write-on Competition Committee member; Publication: *Serving the “Apparently Under the Influence” Patron: The Ramifications of Barrett v. Lucky Seven Saloon*, 31 Seattle U. Law Rev. 385 (2008).
Moot Court and Mediation Competition participant; Women's Law Caucus member; Faculty Standards Hiring Committee
- University of Washington** B.A. 2004 Seattle, WA
Bachelor of Arts in Law, Societies, and Justice; emphasis in Comparative Legal Institutions and Politics; Dean's List

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Washington State Association for Justice** 2019–present Seattle, WA
Co-chair, Insurance Section
- ArtsFund** 2014–present Seattle, WA
Visionaries Culture Council; past Associates board member
- Friends of CASA, Board Member** 2015 Seattle, WA

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RECOGNITIONS

Selected as Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2016–present

Washington State Bar Association Supreme Court Pro Bono Publico Honor Roll, 2016

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Kathryn M. Knudsen, *Aggressive Discovery Produces Results in Employment Arbitration*, Trial News, Washington State Association for Justice (Forthcoming 2020).

Speaker, *Blast from the Past: Lost Policies and Long-Tail Environmental/Asbestos Claims from the Pre-Absolute Exclusion Era*, Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee Seminar, American Bar Association, Tucson, AZ (March 2020).

Kathryn M. Knudsen, *Third-Party Adjuster Liability After Keodalah*, Trial News, vol. 55, n. 3, Washington State Association for Justice (November 2019).

Speaker, *10 Things We Can All do to Help Insurance Policyholders*, Building Industry Association of Whatcom County, Bellingham, WA (2019).

Speaker, *Personal Injury from A to Z*, National Business Institute, Seattle, WA (2018).

CLE Faculty, *Effective Motion Practice in Civil Litigation*, National Business Institute, Seattle, WA (2017).

Speaker, *10 Things Every Lawyer Needs to Know about Washington Insurance Law*, Construction Defect & Dispute Conference, Seattle, WA (2016).

Kathryn M. Knudsen, *Obtaining Benefits Under A Lapsed Life Insurance Policy*, Trial News, vol. 52 n. 5, Washington State Association for Justice (January 2016).

Speaker, *Insurance Discovery Privileges: Views from the Offensive and Defensive Lines*, The Women of the Section of Litigation Conference Networking Roundtable Luncheon, American Bar Association, Chicago, IL (2015).

Kathryn M. Knudsen, *The Dos and Don'ts of Beginning your Trial Practice*, Trial News, vol. 50 n. 10, Washington State Association for Justice (June 2015).

Kathryn M. Knudsen, *Hidden Risks in Insurance Appraisal Clauses*, Trial News, vol. 50 n. 9, Washington State Association for Justice (May 2015).

Speaker, *Duty or No Duty* (Concerning the Duty to Defend in Liability Insurance Policies), Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee CLE Seminar, American Bar Association, Tucson, AZ (2015).