

Mark C. Dean

Of Counsel

Mark rejoined Forsberg & Umlauf to continue his thirty-seven year career of defending professionals, individuals and companies in professional, commercial, construction and general civil litigation.

Mark has defended health care providers, contractors, manufacturers, property owners, businesses, professionals and individuals in a wide range of civil litigation matters including, but not limited to, health care malpractice, health care disciplinary actions, product liability, construction site accidents, construction defect, large property loss, accountant liability, premises liability and motor vehicle accidents. Prior to recently rejoining Forsberg & Umlauf, Mark was the Managing Trial Attorney for CNA's Litigation Counsel Office for the State of Washington. Mark has tried numerous cases in the Washington Superior Courts, United States District Courts, before the Washington State Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals, and argued appeals before the Washington Appellate Courts. Mark offers a wealth of litigation and trial experience, common sense, client focus and efficient litigation management.

PRACTICE EMPHASIS AND EXPERIENCE

- Appeals
- Arbitration & Mediation
- Automobile Liability / Transportation
- Accident Investigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Litigation
- General Liability Defense
- Lawyers and Accountants
- Medical Professionals
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability
- Professional Liability



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EDUCATION

J.D., Seattle University School of Law,
1982 *cum laude*
B.A., Creighton University, 1978 *cum laude*

BAR / COURT ADMISSIONS

State of Washington
U. S. District Court, Western District of Washington
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington
U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

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RECOGNITION

- Rated "AV Preeminent" by Martindale-Hubbell for more than a decade, the highest rating obtainable by members of the legal community

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Washington State Bar Association
- King County Bar Association
- Washington Defense Trial Lawyers

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- *Lockwood v. AC &S, Inc.*, 109 Wn.2d 235 (1987) - the first trial to verdict in the state of Washington against the manufacturers of asbestos containing insulation products. The trial lasted over two months. Since trying that seminal case in 1983, Mark tried to verdict numerous other cases against manufacturers of asbestos containing insulation products by shipyard workers with asbestosis, lung cancer and mesothelioma in King, Pierce and Kitsap County Superior Courts and the Federal District Court for the Western District of Washington.
- *Lima v. Michael XXX, Ph.D.* - tried to a defense verdict a professional malpractice suit by a former client against her psychologist after the client attempted suicide resulting in severe and permanent physical injuries.
- *Totten v. XXX* – Trial by the widow of a man killed in a head-on motor vehicle accident. Mark contended that his client was not liable because a sudden cardiac arrest caused him to cross the center line and strike the decedent's oncoming vehicle. The plaintiff accepted the pretrial settlement offer after the first day of trial.
- *Shahed v. XXX; Kirkpatrick v. XXX; Simmons v. XXX; Burke v. XXX; Griffin v. XXX; and Phommavong v. XXX* – Examples of trials involving motor vehicle accidents with cars, tractor-trailers and motorcycles.
- *Stevens v. XXX* – Defense verdict in a trial against an automobile dealer for alleged conversion and fraud.
- *Farncomb v. XXX* – Trial between neighboring property owners for trespass and property damage. Verdict resulted in award of specific performance only without any monetary damages.