

## Martin J. Pujolar

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Marty's practice focuses on general liability defense, first- and third-party insurance coverage and extra-contractual litigation, uninsured motorist matters, construction defect, employment, product liability, personal injury and commercial contract disputes.

Marty defends clients throughout the state of Washington in state and federal courts and has successfully argued several cases before the Washington Court of Appeals.

### PRACTICE EMPHASIS AND EXPERIENCE

- Automobile Liability / Transportation
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Litigation
- Employment Litigation
- General Liability Defense
- Engineers, Architects and other Design Professionals
- General Liability Defense
- Insurance Coverage Analysis & Litigation
- Native American & Tribal Law
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability

### RECOGNITION

- Designated as a "Super Lawyer" from 2015 – 2020 by *Super Lawyers* magazine.

### REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Representation of employers in state and federal employment discrimination cases. Representative matters include:
  - Obtained summary judgment dismissal of an employee's claims for wrongful termination and violation of Washington's Law Against Discrimination (race). Dismissal affirmed by Court of Appeals. Review denied by Washington State Supreme Court.
  - Representation of used-car dealership & manager relating to claims of sexual harassment, hostile work environment, sex discrimination and retaliation. Manager prevailed on all claims, company prevailed on hostile work environment, discrimination and sexual



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### EDUCATION

J.D., Gonzaga University School of Law,  
1999, *cum laude*  
B.A., University of Puget Sound, 1996

### BAR / COURT ADMISSIONS

State of Washington  
U. S. District Court, Western District of  
Washington  
State of Nevada  
District of Columbia  
Tulalip Tribal Court  
Puyallup Tribal Court

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harassment after lengthy jury trial. Manager prevailed on defamation claim against former employee Defense and resolution of claims against employers for workplace sexual harassment and hostile work environment claims.

- Defense and resolution of wrongful termination claims against employers.
  - Representation and resolution of claims against employers in wage dispute cases.
  - Representation and resolution of claims against employers is disability discrimination cases.
  - Representation of employer in pregnancy discrimination case.
  - Representation and resolution of claims against employers race and national origin discrimination cases.
  - Successful defense and dismissal of EEOC claims (no cause findings).
  - Representation of employers against claims filed with the Washington State Human Right Commission.
- Representation of contractors, subcontractors, design professionals, manufacturers and suppliers in residential and commercial construction defect cases.
  - Representation of business owners and municipal entities in premises liability matters and suits.
  - Representation of insurers in insurance coverage and bad faith/extra-contractual suits.
  - Representation of defendant supplier against product liability claims brought by a national beverage manufacturer.

## PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Washington State Bar Association
- King County Bar Association
- Pierce County Bar Association
- Nevada State Bar Association
- District of Columbia Bar Association
- Washington Defense Trial Lawyers
- Claims Litigation Management Alliance

## ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter: “Bad Faith Insurance – Washington Bad Faith Law Update and Contested Claims”, National Business Institute, May 2021
- Presenter: "Attorney's Guide to Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Coverage", National Business Institute, October 2020
- Presenter: "Slip and Fall Fundamentals", National Business Institute, June 2020
- Presenter: “Personal Injury Bootcamp – Ethics,” National Business Institute, September 18, 2019
- Presenter: “Slip and Fall Fundamentals,” National Business Institute, May 24, 2018
- Presenter: “Insurance Bad Faith – Claims Handling and Discovery Issues,” National Business Institute, November 6, 2017
- Presenter: “Personal Injury from A to Z – *Economic Damages and Pain, Suffering and Punitive Damages*,” National Business Institute, September 27, 2017

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- Presenter: “Attorney’s Guide to Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Coverage,” National Business Institute, May 2, 2017
- Presenter: “Bad Faith Law and the Origin of the Set-Up,” National Business Institute, October 26, 2016
- Presenter: “Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Law: Major Procedural Pitfalls,” National Business Institute, November 1, 2016
- Presenter: “Washington Insurance Claims Handling Practices,” in-house training seminar, July 2015
- Presenter: “Washington Insurance Claims Handling Practices,” in-house training seminar, April 2015
- Presenter: “Litigating Bad Faith Insurance Claims in Washington: Secrets to Discovery,” National Business Institute, December 12 & 17, 2013
- Presenter: “Insurer’s Pre-Suit Settlement Obligations,” insurance company training, April 10, 2013
- Chair: WDTL’s Annual Construction Law Seminar, February 26, 2013
- Presenter: “Bad Faith Insurance Claims in Washington,” National Business Institute, December 6, 2012
- Presenter: “Washington Insurance Claims Handling Practices,” insurance company training seminar, October 11, 2012
- Presenter: “Washington Insurance Claims Handling Practices,” insurance company training seminar, October 4, 2012
- Presenter: “Liens, Subrogation, and Assignments,” National Business Institute, September 25, 2012
- Presenter: “Wrongful Death Claims in Washington,” insurance company training seminar, April 2012
- Presenter: “Bad Faith Insurance Claims in Washington,” National Business Institute, December 7, 2011
- Presenter: “Construction Defect Litigation,” insurance company training seminar, November 1, 2010
- Presenter: “Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist,” insurance company training seminar, October 8, 2010
- Presenter: “Rules of Evidence, Privileges,” Lorman Education Services, April 2010
- Presenter: “Declarant’s Fiduciary Duties,” WDTL Annual Construction Law Seminar, February 2010
- Contributing Author: *Washington Law on Third-Party Insurance Coverage of Product and Construction Defect Claims*, Legal Reference Guide, Forsberg & Umlauf, 2010-2013
- Presenter: “Personal Injury Trials: Getting the Most out of your Evidence, Washington Evidence,” National Business Institute, July 2009
- Presenter: “Rules of Evidence, Privileges,” Lorman Education Services, April 2009