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# Andrea Coit

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Andrea Coit is a litigation specialist who has been with the firm since 2001. She defends public and private entities and their employees in cases involving federal civil rights actions, employment and whistleblower claims, product liability matters, grievance arbitrations, and general tort and contractual claims. Andrea practices in the federal and state courts of Oregon, the Tribal Court of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, and before various arbitrators and administrative boards. Andrea is a pragmatic litigator who enjoys the



courtroom but is equally mindful of the benefits of alternative dispute resolution. Her knowledge of local court practices, combined with her professionalism, also make her a top choice of national firms who need local counsel to assist in navigating the Oregon federal and state court systems.

# Admissions & Memberships $\smallsetminus$

Andrea is a member of the Oregon and Washington State Bars, and is admitted to practice in the Oregon federal district courts and the Tribal Court for the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians. Andrea is a member of the Lane County Bar, the Oregon Association of Defense Counsel, Oregon Women Lawyers and the American Bar Association. She also served as Secretary for the Inns of the Court from 2008 to 2012.

# Education $\checkmark$

Andrea received her J.D. from Louisiana State University in 1999, graduating *Order of the Coif.* She earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Southern Louisiana State University in 1995, where she was a student-athlete on the softball team.

## Presentations & Publications <>

- "When the Needs of Law Enforcement and the Mentally Impaired Conflict: A case study and the lessons learned," Association of Oregon Counties Conference (CLE, November, 2014).
- "Civil Rights Damage," Oregon State Bar (CLE, 2006)
- "Appealing Judgments After January 1, 2004," Judgment Day for Litigators, Oregon Law Institute (CLE, December 12, 2003)

## Representative Cases $\checkmark$

Harrigan v. Marion County, et al

Case No. 6:11-cv-06174-SI

Claims asserted under federal civil rights statutes and the American's with Disabilities Act. Defended the County and four of its employees in a five day, federal jury trial. Jury returned a verdict for the defense on all claims.

Deborah G. Warner-Seeley, PR Estate of Jesse Drew Seeley, Deceased v. Linn County Linn County Circuit Court Case No. 111650 (2012) Wrongful Death action against Deputy Sheriff. Defended County in 4-day jury trial, resulting in defense verdict.

Bzowy v. National College of Natural Medicine; et al.

Multnomah County Circuit Court Case No. 1004-06434

Naturopathic Malpractice case against National College of Natural Medicine. Claims that administering hydrotherapy to a student as part of education resulted in actuation of Lupus disease. Defended 6-day jury trial; resulted in defense verdict.

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Steven Wagner Nichols v. MetLife Investors Insurance Company United States District Court for the District of Oregon, Case No. 3:10-cv-00651-HA Represented life insurance policy beneficiary after insurer denied claim under intentional act clause. Result – negotiated

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