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## IAN BIRK

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### PRACTICE EMPHASIS

- Appeals
- Class Action & Consumer Litigation
- Employment Law
- Employment Litigation
- ERISA
- Insurance Bad Faith & Policyholder Rights
- Insurance Litigation
- Medical Malpractice Litigation
- Personal Injury Litigation
- Personal Injury & Wrongful Death

### EDUCATION

#### University of Washington

B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1997

#### University of Washington School of Law

J.D., 2001

**Ian is a trial lawyer representing people who have been injured because of insurance bad faith, medical negligence, product liability, workplace discrimination, and in auto and trucking collisions.**

Ian believes the courtroom is a place to make society safer and fairer for everyone. His work has resulted in landmark rulings protecting consumers, including representation of a family who was sued by their own insurance company, arguing to reinstate a jury verdict after a judge improperly overruled the jury, and testifying before the Washington Legislature in support of consumers making insurance claims. Known for his representation of people and businesses when they have disputes with insurance companies, Ian is a sponsor of United Policyholders, a public interest non-profit which provides guidance on insurance claims for consumers.

A fifth generation Washingtonian and lifelong resident of the Pacific Northwest, Ian has served on the Board of Governors and as Chair of the Insurance Section of the American Association for Justice. He also regularly volunteers at the King County Bar Association Neighborhood Legal Clinic.

Outside of work, Ian enjoys spending time with his wife and best friend of more than 25 years. He also enjoys biking and has biked in 24 counties in Washington and 16 counties in Oregon.

### HONORS & AWARDS

Selected to the Top 40 Under 40 in Washington by The National Trial Lawyers, 2012

Selected to Rising Stars list in *Washington Super Lawyers*, 2005–2006, 2008–2019

Selected to Super Lawyers list in *Washington Super Lawyers*, 2016–2019

Selected to Top 100 in *Washington Super Lawyers*, 2019

### BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

2001, Washington

2005, U.S. Supreme Court

2005, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

2005, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington

2005, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington

2011, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

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## PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Washington State Bar Association, *Member*

King County Bar Association, *Member*

Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association, *Past Member*

American Constitution Society, Puget Sound Chapter, *Past Co-Chair*

American Association for Justice, *Member*

Washington State Association for Justice, *Member*

Associate Editor for insurance law, *Trial News*

Volunteer Attorney, King County Bar Association  
Neighborhood Legal Clinics

## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Ian Birk, "‘Made-Whole’ Rule Comes to Health Insurance," *Trial News*, vol. 55, n.3, Washington State Association for Justice (November 2019).

WSAJ’s 37th Annual Insurance Seminar, Class Actions in Insurance Cases and anti-SLAPP Update, Sea-Tac & Spokane, Washington, January 23 & 30, 2015.

The *Cedell* Presumption: Discovery of the Insurer’s Claim File in Insurance Bad Faith Litigation in Washington, 49 *Gonz. L. Rev.* 503 (2014).

Washington Civil Procedure Deskbook, Chapter 19 (3d. ed. 2014).

Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association, Tort Law Update, UIM Bad Faith Claims, Fircrest, Washington, October 17, 2014.

The Right of an Additional Insured to a Copy of the Insurance Policy, *Trial News*, vol. 48, n. 9, Washington State Association for Justice (May 2013), page 1.

WSAJ’s 35th Annual Insurance Seminar, Co-Chair, Spokane & Tacoma, Washington, January 24 & 25, 2013.

WSAJ’s 34th Annual Insurance Seminar, Reasonableness Hearings under RCW 4.22.060 and the Right to Jury Trial, Spokane & Tacoma, Washington, 2012.

Ian S. Birk, "Supreme Court accepts review in stipulated judgment case," *Trial News*, vol. 47, n. 3, Washington State Association for Justice (November 2011).

WSAJ’s 1st Annual Winter Conference, Using Consumer Laws to Better Represent Your Injured Clients, Seattle, Washington, 2010.

Ian S. Birk and Lorraine Lewis Phillips, "Should Juries Be Informed of the Consequences of Their Apportionment Decisions?" *Litigation News*, Litigation Section of the Washington State Bar Association, vol. 21, n. 2 (Fall 2009).

Ian S. Birk, Review: "The Trial of the Templars looks at the use of torture in legal proceedings." *Trial News*, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, vol. 43, n. 1 (September 2007).

Ian S. Birk, Review: "All Deliberate Speed: Carrying the Mandate of *Brown v. Board of Education* into the Future." *Trial News*, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, vol. 40, n. 11 (July/August 2005).

Paul Chemnick and Ian S. Birk, "Defeating Allegations of Contributory Fault in Medical Negligence Cases," *Trial News*, vol. 39, n. 11, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association (July/August 2004).