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How to Succeed as a Plaintiff's Attorney:
Insight into the Latest Legal Decisions and Tips That Will
Impact Your Personal Injury Practice

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Virtually via Cisco Webex

1:15 – 1:30 PM	Check-in
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Daniel J. Huntington/Valerie McOmie - Recent Tort/PI Supreme Court Rulings.
2:35 – 3:35 PM	Richard C. Eymann – Tips & Strategies Dealing with Defense Counsel
3:40 – 4:40 PM	Nikalous O. Armitage - Negotiation Tactics

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

NIKALOUS O. ARMITAGE litigates Washington and Idaho personal injury cases with his partner, JJ Thompson, at Armitage & Thompson. Nik is a 2004 graduate of the University of Washington and a 2008 graduate of the Gonzaga University School of Law. Nik's personal injury practice focuses on cases involving serious injuries with special emphasis on surgical cases, spine injuries, traumatic brain injuries, and wrongful death. Nik and JJ also pursue claims for clients in premises liability cases, fire cases, product liability matters, and instances of nursing home neglect, medical malpractice, and insurance bad faith.

Nik has served on boards for the Brain Injury Alliance of Washington, St. Luke's Rehabilitation Institute, Sacred Heart Medical Center, Washington State Association for Justice, and Spokane County Bar Association—Young Lawyers Division.

Nik serves his clients and makes his living holding insurance companies accountable, but can take your money on the golf course too. He is also an avid supporter of University of Washington athletics—go Dawgs!

RICHARD C. EYMANN worked his way through college first on a Weyerhaeuser “green chain” and then as a staff aid to Senator Wayne Morse (Oregon), followed by a two-year stint as a policeman in Washington, D.C. At age 22, he was the youngest elected delegate to the 1968 National Democratic Convention. After graduating from the University of Oregon in 1968, he was an intelligence officer in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, and then a consumer investigator in Washington, D.C. prior to law school at Gonzaga University, graduating in 1976. Since then, he has tried over 80 civil jury trials.

Mr. Eymann is a past President of both the Washington State Bar Association and the Washington State Association for Justice. He was WSAJ’s 1995 Trial Lawyer of the Year. He has served in numerous offices and committee chairships for WSAJ and the American Bar Association. He is the original founder of the ABA NAAC moot court competition. He has served on the Board of Advisors for the Gonzaga School of Law, as a trustee for Gonzaga University and as a past lawyer representative to the Ninth Circuit for the Eastern District of Washington. He has been rated AV by Martindale Hubbell since 1987.

As founding partner of the Spokane law firm of Eymann Allison Hunter Jones P.S., Mr. Eymann’s trial practice emphasizes personal injury, wrongful death, sexual abuse and assault cases, wild fire loss, products liability and nursing home/medical/hospital negligence. He is best known for taking difficult cases to trial with little or no offer from defense counsel and has achieved several multi-million dollar verdicts and settlements for his clients. He was lead trial counsel for the bellwether trials in the In re Hanford Nuclear Reservation downwinder litigation (which settled in its 23rd year of intensive litigation), representing hundreds of innocent victims of radiation-caused diseases resulting from production of nuclear weapons used to end World War II.

In a nursing home abuse case in St. Maries, Idaho, representing the estate of an 89-year-old gentleman, the jury return a verdict of \$18 million and in a wildfire case against BNSF railroad, he settled property losses and a wrongful death for over \$12 million. More recently, he was co-counsel in another Hanford case involving the False Claims Act, which settled for \$125 million against two contractors. He was WSAJ Trial Lawyer of the Year in 1995 and ABOTA Trial Lawyer of the year in 2017.

Mr. Eymann is the proud father of a daughter, Taylor, who is in medical school after graduating from the University of Oregon Clark Honors College, majoring in human physiology, and a son, Houston, who also graduated from the Clark Honors College. When he is not practicing law, Mr. Eymann enjoys being the Director of a 17-school (grades 1-8) cross country league and is a coach of one of the teams. Several of his runners have been ranked in the top 50 nationally out of thousands. He also is a consummate gardener.

DANIEL E. HUNTINGTON is a lawyer employed by Richter-Wimberley, P.S. in Spokane. Dan received his B.A. degree from Gonzaga University, and his J.D. degree from the University of California at Berkeley School of Law. Dan was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers in 2005. Dan began working with the WSAJ Foundation Amicus Program in 2016, and currently serves as a co-coordinator for the amicus program along with Valerie McOmie.

VALERIE MCOMIE is a lawyer from Camas, Washington, in Clark County. Along with Dan Huntington, Valerie serves as a co-coordinator for the Washington State Association for Justice Foundation Amicus Program. Ms. McOmie graduated from New York University School of Law, and following law school, completed two clerkships for federal district judges in Honolulu, Hawaii and Portland, Oregon. She took some time away from the law to start a family, and has been working with the Foundation’s Amicus Program since 2015.