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PRACTICE AREAS:

Complex Litigation, Product Liability, Insurance Defense, Insurance Defense Litigation

OVERVIEW

Natasha Khachatourians is a Director and a member of the Insurance Defense Practice group. For over a decade, Ms. Khachatourians' practice has focused on complex civil litigation of various types, ranging from premises and products liability to construction defect and wrongful death matters. She has defended clients against claims for professional liability, including attorneys and real estate brokers. While she primarily engages in general liability defense, Ms. Khachatourians also has experience assisting clients with debt collection and real estate disputes.

A key element in the success of Ms. Khachatourians' cases is early case assessment and evaluations. She has a core belief that realistic valuation and effective litigation strategy is critical to bringing matters to resolution. Ms. Khachatourians promotes and fosters these integral aspects of practice through her management and mentoring of legal professionals in complex litigation matters.

Whether she is representing an individual or a large company, Ms. Khachatourians approaches each case and client with the same care and attention. Taking the time to include clients who may not have been involved in litigation in the process is another core function which has proven effective.

In addition to her own practice, Ms. Khachatourians is invested in mentoring newer and more junior lawyers. Additionally, she is involved in the legal community through her involvement as a Trustee on the Washington Defense Trial Lawyer Association's Board of Trustees. She also is an active member of the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel. Through the FDCC, she and a fellow member have started a podcast, "Creating a Home," where they interview attorneys who immigrated to the U.S. themselves or whose families immigrated to the U.S. and how those experiences influenced their career path.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Summary judgment in favor of client-HOA in personal injury matter on claims of negligence and theory of premises liability, affirmed on appeal at Court of Appeals, Div. I, and Washington Supreme Court denied appeal.
- Summary judgment in favor of client for breach of contract, contractual indemnity, and equitable indemnity claims for claims arising under Washington's Product Liability Act
- Obtained defense verdict in arbitration for client-driver in personal injury claim involving two vehicles who rear-ended the plaintiff
- Summary judgment in favor of contractor-client in personal injury matter who was alleged to have caused hazard on which the plaintiff was injured
- Partial summary judgment for breach of contract and additional insured obligation against subcontractor for client
- Successfully obtained dismissal for international corporate clients for lack of personal and subject matter jurisdiction in claims for breach of contract

EDUCATION

Syracuse University, College of Law - J.D., 2009

Seattle University, *cum laude*, B.A.- English, 2003

BAR ADMISSIONS

Washington State Bar

United States District Court, Western and Eastern Divisions

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Super Lawyers, "Rising Stars" (2020) "Super Lawyers" (2023)

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC), member

Vice Chair, Construction Law

Vice Chair, Premises Liability

Vice Chair, Products Liability

Vice Chair, Ladder Down

Washington State Bar Association, member

King County Bar Association – member

Washington Defense Trial Lawyers Association, member

Current member of the Board of Trustees

Facilitator of the Monthly Roundtables

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Article, "*Washington Contractors be Wary: One-Year-Warranty Limitations are Unconscionable*", *FDCC Insights Magazine Special Issue* (2023)

Presenter, Anatomy of a Trial, Opening and Closing Statements, FDCC Annual Meeting (July 2022)

Article, "*Litigating Death: A Multi-State Survey of Construction-Related Wrongful Death and Survivorship Actions*", *FDCC Insights Magazine* (Spring 2021)

Article, "*Define Your Relationships and Watch Your Level of Control*", WDTL Newsletter (October 2018)

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