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PRACTICE AREAS:

Appellate, Commercial Litigation, Construction Law, Litigation, Personal Injury, Product Liability, Real Estate, Transactional, Transportation Law

OVERVIEW

Eden Goldman is a Director in the Seattle office of Betts Patterson Mines. Eden's practice encompasses a wide variety of complex civil matters, primarily focusing on the defense of corporate entities, professionals, and individuals involved in personal injury litigation and construction-related transactions and litigation. Eden has extensive experience handling wrongful death and catastrophic bodily injury and property damage claims arising from motor vehicle accidents and job site, product liability, and premises liability incidents. She also specializes in the defense of contractors, owners, and developers in construction defect disputes. Eden has successfully defended clients before the Washington State Court of Appeals and Federal and Superior Courts throughout Washington and California.

Eden obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing from the University of Maryland and worked as a clerk at a civil litigation firm in Seattle before attending law school. She earned her J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law and received Pro Bono Service Recognition for her work with the California Innocence Project and Public Counsel, the nation's largest pro bono law firm. While in law school, Eden gained experience interning and clerking with several law firms and non-profit agencies, as a member of the Moot Court Associate Board, and as an Executive Editor of the International Law Journal.

Prior to joining Betts Patterson Mines, Eden practiced as an attorney at a civil litigation firm in San Diego and an insurance defense firm in Seattle. At these firms, she helped to obtain early resolution for her clients through successful summary judgment motions and settlement negotiations.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Assisted client in obtaining a defense verdict in a disputed liability motor vehicle collision. The plaintiff claimed the client ran a stop sign and hit his vehicle; the client asserted that the plaintiff collided with him. The Judge determined that the plaintiff failed to demonstrate the client caused the collision and found the client not liable.
- Obtained a defense verdict in an arbitration where liability was heavily disputed. The plaintiff was injured when a Jane Doe driver hit her vehicle. The plaintiff claimed the client was liable for negligently allowing Jane Doe to operate the vehicle. The arbitrator found that the client was not liable and awarded \$0 in damages against the client.
- Successfully represented a client in a two-week jury trial involving catastrophic spinal injuries stemming from a motor vehicle collision. The teenage plaintiff underwent a spinal surgery following the collision and claimed permanent

injuries. The verdict against the client totaled \$4,350.00, significantly less than prior settlement offers and less than the costs awarded to the client pursuant to CR 60. The plaintiff appealed the judgment. Eden argued the appeal in front of the Court of Appeals of Washington, Division 1, where the Court of Appeals unanimously affirmed the trial court judgment. See *Helmbreck v. McPhee*, 15 Wn. App. 2d 41, 476 P.3d 589 (2020), review denied, 196 Wn.2d 1047, 481 P.3d 1097 (2021).

- Defended automatic door maintenance company in a personal injury lawsuit at a convenience store and prevailed on a motion for summary judgment dismissing the client from the case.

EDUCATION

University of San Diego, J.D.

International Law Journal, Executive Editor

Moot Court, Associate Board Member

Pro Bono Service Recognition

University of Maryland, B.S.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Washington State Bar

State Bar of California

United States District Court, Western District of Washington

United States District Court, Southern District of California

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association

Francis W. Nordstrom Guild 2.0

King County Bar Association

Washington State Bar Association

Washington Defense Trial Lawyers

Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)

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