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Bio

Sean is a Senior Associate at Keating, Bucklin & McCormack, Inc. Prior to joining the firm, he was a legal intern for the Port of Seattle. The Port of Seattle kept Sean aboard as law clerk while he completed his final year at Seattle University School of Law. During law school, Sean was a member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Board for three years and served on the Executive Board during his final year. He worked as a research assistant to Professor Sara Rankin and an extern for the King County Housing Justice Project. Sean advanced in SU's Tausend Appellate Oral Argument Competition and placed as a Regional Appellate Quarter Finalist in the National Moot Court Competition.

Prior to law school, Sean graduated from Boston College where he received Dean's list honors and was a member of the BC football team. Sean is a co-founder (with his brother) of the non-profit Fine Dine Front Lines, where he serves as a board member and an officer. They have received numerous accolades for their support of Washington hospital workers and the local restaurant community. In his free time, Sean enjoys writing and playing music, cooking, and exploring the outdoors with his wife and pitbull.

Representative Cases

- Second chair in three-week wrongful termination trial in matter brought against the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney's Office
- Dismissal on summary judgment of Federal civil rights claim brought against City of Olympia in Western District of Washington; review denied by Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Dismissal on summary judgment for South Sound 911 in negligence lawsuit following tragic death of a Tacoma police officer; affirmed on appeal in Division II
- Dismissal of trip and fall claim brought against City of Anacortes
- Dismissal of negligence lawsuit brought against Pierce Transit by two bus passengers after an emergency braking incident
- Defense verdict for University of Washington Medical Center following two-week trial in race discrimination suit; second chair

- Defense verdict for City of Burien in lawsuit alleging PFLMA interference and retaliation; second chair. WLAD retaliation claims dismissed on summary judgment. Affirmed on appeal in Division I; review denied by Washington Supreme Court.
- Defended City of Snoqualmie in multimillion dollar premises liability matter tried to the bench in King County; plaintiff found 40% contributorily negligent; matter resolved on appeal
- Successfully represent University of Washington employees in discovery dispute and quashing subpoenas related to a third-party lawsuit
- Successfully represent the University of Washington in race discrimination lawsuit brought by two plaintiffs against the UWPD; resolved pretrial
- Successfully represent Seattle School District in appeal of student □□ eligibility determination and claims of constitutional violations
- Successfully represent Seattle School District in appeal of a student □□ suspension following the deadly shooting at Ingraham High School
- Successfully represent Mercer Island police officers against excessive force allegations after plaintiff fled from police during a lawful warrant service
- Successful representation of the City of Longview in a premises liability matter
- Successful representation of Pierce Transit in negligence action brought against maintenance workers and agency
- Successful representation of municipal police commander seeking a civil harassment protection order involving First Amendment considerations
- Successful representation of municipal clerk seeking a civil harassment protection order involving First Amendment considerations
- Successful representation of City of Mukilteo in lawsuit alleging negligent sidewalk design and maintenance; matter resolved pretrial
- Successful representation of City of Mount Vernon in land use appeal
- Successful representation of City of Lynnwood in million-dollar premises liability claim brought against the city and abutting homeowner; City resolved amicably pretrial
- Successful representation of City of Kirkland in a premises liability matter alleging defective sidewalk conditions
- Special Assistant Attorney General for enforcement of eviction moratorium
- Arbitration award in favor of Pierce Transit following bus collision

Professional and Community Activities



Admitted to Practice

- Western District of Washington
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

Professional Affiliations

- Washington State Bar Association
- Washington Defense Trial Lawyers