



**John R. Nicholson**  
*Partner*

John began his legal career as an Assistant Attorney General with the Washington State Attorney General's Office. For eleven years, John worked in the Office's Torts Division defending state agencies, colleges, and universities in civil rights, personal injury, wrongful death, and employment lawsuits. As a tort litigator for the State, John honed his skills in all aspects of civil litigation, including discovery and depositions, dispositive motion practice, and mediation. John has tried numerous cases to verdict in both state and federal courts, and he is an experienced appellate advocate, having previously argued before the Washington Supreme Court. During his last two years as an Assistant Attorney General, John worked at the University of Washington's Seattle campus providing legal representation and advice to the leadership of UW Medicine, which includes the UW School of Medicine, UW Medical Center, and Harborview Medical Center. John's areas of focus there included quality improvement, risk management, employment, credentialing and privileging of healthcare professionals, graduate medical education, HIPAA and patient privacy issues, hospital licensure and accreditation, and healthcare affiliations and business transactions. In 2013, John went into private practice but continued to focus on defending and advising public entities.

John attended Seattle University School of Law, where he served on the Law Review and graduated magna cum laude in 2000. He is also an alumnus of the University of Washington, having graduated in 1997 with a degree in Russian Language and Literature.

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**Areas of Focus**

- Administrative Law
- Civil Rights & Employment
- Health Care
- Law Enforcement & Corrections
- Personal Injury Defense
- School Liability
- Transportation

**Practices**

- Civil Rights
- Employment Law
- Government Tort Defense
- Law Enforcement
- Litigation
- School Law

**Education**

Seattle University School of Law, Juris  
Doctor, Magna Cum Laude, 2000  
University of Washington, Bachelor of  
Arts, 1997

**Memberships & Admissions**

Washington State Bar Association  
King County Bar Association, Judicial  
Candidate Evaluation Committee  
Washington Council of School  
Attorneys  
American Health Lawyers'  
Association  
United States District Court,  
Western District of Washington  
United States District Court,  
Eastern District of Washington  
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals