

# Michael J. Wiswall

## CO-MANAGING PARTNER

For over 25 years, Mike's practice has focused on defending medical malpractice lawsuits throughout the Northwest. He regularly defends doctors, nurses, and health systems in cases involving surgical complications, obstetrical care, primary care, urgent care, and emergency department management. Mike also assists hospitals and clinics with pre-litigation evaluations, as well as with their early disclosure and resolution programs. Mike frequently represents physicians, dentists, pharmacists, and nurses before the various licensing boards in Oregon and Washington.

For the past several years, Mike has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America and selected by his peers for inclusion in Oregon Super Lawyers magazine for Medical Malpractice: Defense. Mike has been inducted into the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), a prestigious invitation-only association of experienced trial attorneys and judges. Mike regularly speaks to professional groups regarding risk management, quality improvement,



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### Practice Areas

Dental Malpractice Defense  
Health Law  
Licensing, Board Matters, and  
Regulatory Agencies Representation  
Medical Malpractice Defense  
Personal Injury and Wrongful Death  
Defense  
Professional Liability Defense

disclosure of adverse medical events, and medical and dental malpractice.

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## EDUCATION

### University of Michigan Law School

J.D., *cum laude*, 1993

### University of California at Santa Barbara (Honors Program)

B.A., Economics, *magna cum laude*, 1990

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## EXPERIENCE

### Hart Wagner LLP

Partner, 1999–present

Associate, 1994–1999

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## ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Oregon State Court

Washington State Court

U.S. District Court: District of Oregon; Western District of Washington

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## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

### *Best Lawyers in America*

Professional Malpractice Law: Defendants, 2014–2024

Medical Malpractice Law: Defendants, 2014–2024

Ethics and Professional Responsibility Law, 2014–2024

Legal Malpractice Law: Defendants, 2014–2024

Lawyer of the Year, Portland, OR: Medical Malpractice Law — Defendants, 2023

Lawyer of the Year, Portland, OR: Ethics and Professional Responsibility Law, 2022

Lawyer of the Year, Portland, OR: Legal Malpractice Law — Defendants, 2020

### *Super Lawyers*

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Personal Injury Medical Malpractice: Defense, 2010–2021

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## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

American Board of Trial Advocates  
American Health Lawyers Association  
Multnomah Bar Association  
Oregon Association of Defense Counsel  
Oregon Medical Association, Loss Prevention Committee  
Oregon Society for Healthcare Risk Management  
Oregon State Bar  
Washington State Bar  
Washington Trial Defense Lawyers

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## PRESENTATIONS

### Representative Presentations

“Risk Management Training,” Basic and Advanced courses, Oregon Medical Association CME Meeting, 2006, 2011 — 2019, Portland, Eugene, Corvallis, Roseburg

“Transition to Residency: Professionalism, Ethics and Law,” Oregon Health & Science University, multiple years, most recently 2018

“The Legal Process and You,” Oregon Health & Science University, March 2016

“All About the Benjamins — Early Dispute Resolution for Medical Malpractice Cases,” Oregon Association of Defense Counsel Annual Convention, 2015

“Demystifying Litigation,” Oregon Health & Science University, Graduating Medical Students Presentation, 2014

“Corporate Designee Depositions,” OSHRM Conference, 2014

“Early Disclosure & Resolution,” OSHRM Conference, 2014

“SB 483: OPSC Voluntary Mediation Law,” OSHRM Annual Education Conference Panel, 2013

“Dental Risk Management,” CNA Seminar, 2007, 2011

“Litigation,” Oregon Health & Science University Otolaryngology Grand Rounds Presentation, 2011

“DMV Mandatory Reporting,” Oregon Health & Science University Presentation, 2010