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Anne Bremner has delivered favorable trial verdicts in some of the nation's toughest cases. A litigation shareholder and trial attorney for 29 years, her lauded private practice at Anne Bremner PC and special counsel for Frey Buck focus on government liabilities and personal injury. Bremner was the successful defense counsel in *Vili Fualau v. Highline School District and the Des Moines Police Department* (Mary Kay Letourneau Case). In addition, she defended class actions following WTO (Battle of Seattle) and for the Seattle Police Department Police Dogs, a national test case brought by the ACLU. Bremner was also the lead trial attorney for the Olympic Pipe Line Company, resolving \$500 million in claims after a massive pipeline rupture. Anne is also an on-air TV analyst for CNN, MSNBC, Fox, and HLN.

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Tana Lin is a member of Keller Rohrbach's complex litigation group. Her practice spans representation of employees in class action cases alleging breach of fiduciary duties by their employers in violation of ERISA, to representation of shareholders of mutual funds in suits alleging breaches of fiduciary duty by the investment advisors in violation of the Investment Company Act, to representation of nurses alleging that hospitals depressed their wages in violation of the Sherman Act. Ms. Lin began her legal career as a trial attorney with the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia. She then joined and became a senior trial attorney with the Employment Litigation Section of the Civil Rights Division of the DOJ and, subsequently, the Chicago District Office of the EEOC.

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Robin Balsam has been in private practice since 1984. She is an assertive litigator with extensive experience in highly contested probate, guardianship and trust matters. Ms. Balsam frequently pursues perpetrators of elder abuse and fiduciary fraud. Her practice has emphasized guardianship, probate, trusts and representation of families with special needs since 1993. She is also the President of a fiduciary services corporation, Commencement Bay Guardianship Services. Ms. Balsam has several professional affiliations and has chaired and spoken at many legal seminars. In 2013, she attained her LL.M. in Elder Law. She frequently acts as associate counsel to personal injury, contract and domestic litigation attorneys who have matters that involve elderly or disabled clients.

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Ms. Buchanan defends both public entities and private clients in complex cases. Her clients have included counties, cities, school districts, and private entities in cases involving claims of catastrophic personal injury including paraplegia, quadriplegia, and brain damage; negligent supervision, negligent hiring and retention, and premises liability; employment discrimination, breach of contract, wrongful discharge, constructive discharge, civil rights violations, sexual and racial discrimination and harassment, disability discrimination, retaliation, whistleblowing, and violations of Title VII or Title IX; and defamation and invasion of privacy. She also has substantial experience in drafting and implementing employer policies and handbooks, and guiding employers through disability accommodation demands.

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Laurin Schweet is the founding member of Schweet Linde & Coulson, PLLC, a firm uniquely focused on protecting the rights of lenders and creditors. She practices in the areas of creditor's rights in bankruptcy, commercial litigation, workouts, and foreclosure. Her clients include banks, credit unions, leasing companies, and creditor committees in bankruptcy. Ms. Schweet received her J.D. degree with distinction from Seattle University. Ms. Schweet is a frequent legal education speaker and past chair of the Bankruptcy Section of the King County Bar Association. She considers working with the talented and dedicated attorneys and staff at the firm one of her life's greatest privileges.

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For more than 20 years Sheila C. Ridgway has led clients through complex challenges regarding estates and trusts and the care of elderly family members. Her practice emphasizes estate and trust litigation, guardianships, vulnerable adult proceedings, and will contests. She is an appointed member of the TEDRA Litigation Subcommittee of the Washington State Bar Association's Real Property Probate and Trust Section. She is a regular presenter to attorneys and other professionals on emerging litigation issues in trust and estate practice. Sheila has substantive experience as an expert witness. She is also available as a mediator.

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Michelle A. Corsi, rated AV preeminent by the *Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory*, admitted in 1994, is a shareholder at Lee Smart. Michelle's practice emphasizes civil defense litigation in the areas of professional liability, including real estate, accounting, and legal malpractice; employment; product liability, including asbestos; and property transactions and disputes. She has successfully handled cases from case inception and trial and through the appeal process in state and federal court and before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Michelle also serves as a mediator and arbitrator through WAMS, www.usamwa.com and is an approved Rule 39.1 mediator in federal court cases.

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Colleen Kinerk is a partner in the law firm of Cable, Langenbach, Kinerk & Bauer, LLP. She represents employees and employers in a wide range of labor-related issues in state and federal court. Ms. Kinerk often serves as a mediator in labor-related litigation. She has helped to implement workplace policies, training, and prevention programs for businesses. She is a frequent lecturer at CLEs and is a former adjunct faculty member of the University of Washington Law School. A former state president of Washington Women Lawyers, she is active on committees of the Washington State and King County Bar Associations. Ms. Kinerk served as the Chairperson of the Seattle University Regents and as President of the WWL Foundation. She has been a Trustee and served as President of the Board of the King County Bar Foundation.

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