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## EMPLOYMENT

### **Devlin Law, P.C. (formerly Rosenthal Greene & Devlin, P.C.), Portland, OR**

*Partner*, 2010-Present; *Associate*, 2006-2010

- Litigated civil rights, medical negligence, and serious injury cases at a small plaintiff's law firm
- Representative civil rights cases
  - Won a \$2,000,000 jury verdict (plus \$300,000 in attorney fees) against the State of Oregon on behalf of a child who was abused by his foster parents
  - Negotiated an \$800,000 settlement for the family of a man who died in a jail after not receiving proper mental health care
  - Won a \$101,500 jury verdict against Clackamas County on behalf of a woman who was falsely imprisoned for 25 hours and successfully defended the verdict before the Oregon Court of Appeals (Fossen v. Clackamas County, 352 P.3d 1289 (Or. Ct. App. 2015))
  - Worked with co-counsel to win a \$30,000 jury verdict (plus \$295,000 in attorney fees) against a police officer who fabricated evidence to make an arrest
  - Negotiated numerous confidential settlements in civil rights cases involving private contractors
  - Worked with co-counsel to defeat extensive motions for summary judgment in complex civil rights cases (Paris v. Conmed Healthcare Management, Inc., No. 6:14-CV-01620-TC, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 216852 (D. Or. Nov. 28, 2017); Johnson v. Corizon Health, Inc., No. 6:13-CV-01855-TC, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 44638 (D. Or. Apr. 6, 2015))
- Representative medical negligence and serious injury cases
  - Second chaired a \$5,700,000 jury verdict against a medical clinic for failure to diagnose breast cancer
  - Worked with co-counsel to negotiate a \$1,350,000 settlement for the families of two women killed by a drunk driver who was overserved at a local bar
  - Won a \$537,176.45 jury verdict against a local hospital system on behalf of a woman who suffered a nerve injury during a blood draw
  - Negotiated numerous confidential settlements in medical negligence and serious injury cases

### **Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, Portland, OR**

*Deputy District Attorney*, 2005-2006

- Tried approximately 50 felony and misdemeanor cases

**Shea & Gardner (now Goodwin Procter), Washington, DC**

*Associate, 2000-2004*

- Worked on litigation in wide variety of subject areas, including mass torts, contract disputes, employment discrimination, administrative law, intellectual property and bankruptcy
- Coordinated nationwide mass tort litigation and supervised local counsel
- Won disability benefits for HIV-positive client (*pro bono* representation)

**MacArthur Justice Center, Chicago, IL**

*Student member, 1997-98*

- Represented person in custody at parole hearing
- Researched access to forensic evidence for innocence claim
- Helped draft tort lawsuit against gun manufacturers and sellers

**Covington & Burling, Washington, DC**

*Paralegal, 1993-1995*

- Assisted attorneys with various aspects of litigation, including review and organization of documents and preparation for depositions and trials
- Cite-checked briefs and other court filings
- Worked on team that filed successful appeal for person on Alabama's death row (*pro bono* representation)

**CLERKSHIPS**

**Honorable Shira Scheindlin, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, New York, NY**

*Law Clerk, 1999-2000*

- Drafted opinions
- Worked with another law clerk to manage cases on docket
- Assisted judge with court appearances, including jury trials and bench trials

**Honorable Ed Carnes, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, Montgomery, AL**

*Law Clerk, 1998-1999*

- Drafted opinions
- Wrote bench memoranda to help judge prepare for oral arguments
- Assisted judge, who was sitting as a district judge, during criminal jury trial

**HONORS**

**Oregon Super Lawyers, 2014-2021**

**U.S. News – Best Lawyers, 2016-2022**

## **EDUCATION**

### **University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL**

- J.D., with Honors, 1998
- *Staff Member*, University of Chicago Law Review, 1996-98
- *Comment Editor*, University of Chicago Legal Roundtable, 1997-98
- *Staff Member*, University of Chicago Legal Forum, 1997-98
- Published comment: “Genetics and Justice: An Indigent Defendant’s Right to DNA Expert Assistance,” 1998 U. Chi. Legal F. 395

### **Haverford College, Haverford, PA**

- B.A., *magna cum laude*, with Honors in Political Science, 1993
- Honor Council: *Chair*, 1992; *Member*, 1990-1991

## **PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

### **Oregon State Bar House of Delegates**

*Delegate*, 2022-Present

### **Oregon Trial Lawyers Association Civil Rights Section**

*Chair*, 2017-2020

### **Oregon Trial Lawyers Association Board of Governors**

*Member*, 2014-2016

### **Oregon State Bar Committee on Uniform Civil Jury Instructions**

*Chair*, 2015; *Member*, 2013-2014

### **CLE Instructor/Lecturer**

- Teach Trial Lawyer Academy 201 (intensive annual trial practice course for members of the Oregon Trial Lawyers Association)
- Lecture for Oregon Trial Lawyers Association and other organizations on trial technique and litigation strategy
- Speak to legal and non-legal groups about how mindfulness can help manage stress

### **Portland Homeless Family Solutions**

- *Executive Committee Member*, 2021-Present
- *Board Member*, 2017-Present
- Organize annual fundraising drive to purchase backpacks and school supplies for children experiencing homelessness – 497 backpacks provided in the last six years