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Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Litigation; Appellate Law; Labor & Employment



Nena Cook is a Shareholder in Buchalter's Portland office and a member of the Firm's Litigation Practice Group. Ms. Cook is a trial attorney with over 25 years of experience specializing in complex commercial litigation, appellate law and professional ethics. Ms. Cook represents businesses in state and federal court on matters related to class actions, corporate disputes, estates and trusts, insurance coverage/defense, intellectual property, and real estate. She is also a frequent speaker and writer on the topics of professionalism, ethics and employment law.

Each year since 2006, when the *Super Lawyers* program began in Oregon, Ms. Cook has been named an *Oregon Super Lawyer*® in the area of Business Litigation. In 2009, 2012 and 2018, she was included in the list of Oregon's Top 25 Women *Super Lawyers*. *Benchmark Litigation* lists Ms. Cook as a Litigation Star in 2016, 2017 and 2018, as well as a 2018 Labor & Employment Star. She has been selected to the *Best Lawyers in America*® in the area of Litigation – Labor and Employment Law from 2011 through 2020. In 2005, she was selected by *Willamette Week* as one of the 50 most influential women in Portland. In 2004, she was named by the *Oregon Business Magazine* as one of the top five female business leaders in the State of Oregon. In 2002, she was honored by the *Portland Business Journal* as one of the "Forty under 40" people recognized for outstanding leadership in business and civic affairs. Ms. Cook has earned the preeminent AV designation by *Martindale-Hubbell*®, the highest possible peer review rating in legal ability and ethical standards, for 25 years.

Professional Activities

- American Constitution Society for Law and Policy, Member
- Campaign for Equal Justice Advisory Board, Member
- Federal Bar Association, Member
- Federal Practice & Procedure Committee, Chair, 1999; Member, 1997 to 1999
- Gus J. Solomon American Inn of Court, Member, 1991 to 1998
- Leadership College Advisory Board, Chair, 2006 to 2008
- Multnomah County Judicial Screening Committee, Member, 1999 to 2002
- Multnomah County Pro Tem Judge, 2007 to 2013
- Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference Representative, 2000 to 2003
- Oregon Commission on Professionalism, 2005
- Oregon Commission for Women, 2007 to 2010
- Oregon State Bar, Litigation Section, Member; Labor and Business Section, Member; Business Litigation Section, Member; Board of Governors, Member, 2002 to 2005; President, 2005; Procedure and Practice Committee, 1999 to 2002

- Oregon Women Lawyers, Member; Foundation Board, Member
- Washington State Bar Association, Litigation Section, Member; Labor and Employment Section, Member

Publications

- “Documentation, Discipline & Discharge,” BOLI Annual Employment Law Conference
- “Navigate Changing Employment Laws,” BOLI Annual Employment Law Conference
- “How to Prevent Employment Litigation,” BOLI Annual Employment Law Conference
- “Current Issues in Employment Law,” BOLI Annual Employment Law Conference
- “Summons,” Civil Litigation Manual, Oregon State Bar
- “Temporary Restraining Orders and Preliminary Injunctions,” Civil Litigation Manual, Oregon State Bar
- “Injunctive Relief,” Civil Litigation Manual, Oregon State Bar

Presentations

- Job Applicant Screening, Oregon State Bar
- Oregon Pleadings and Parties: Tips and Traps for the Unwary, Oregon State Bar
- Summary Judgment Tips for Avoiding Admissibility Pitfalls, Oregon Law Institute
- Motions Against Pleadings/Motions to Amend, Oregon State Bar
- Convocation on Equality, Oregon State Bar
- 50 Tips and Strategies for Businesses, Oregon State Bar
- Negotiation Ethics, Professional Liability Fund
- Employment Law Update, Oregon State Bar
- Annual Employment Law Conference, Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries
- ADA Amendments Act, Oregon State Bar
- Discipline, Documentation & Discharge, Oregon State Bar
- Navigating ADA, FMLA & Workers Compensation, The Seminar Group
- How to Prevent Employment Litigation
- Hot Topics in Employment Law, Oregon State Bar
- Annual Employment Law Seminar, Sussman Shank LLP
- Professionalism, University of Oregon School of Law
- Ethics in 18 Holes, Oregon State Bar
- Employment Law Update, Oregon Economic & Business Forum
- Employment Law CLE, Oregon State Bar

Education

Ms. Cook earned her J.D. from Willamette University College of Law in 1991, where she was the Production Editor for the *Willamette Law Review*. She earned her B.A. from Gonzaga University in 1988.

Bar Admissions

- Oregon
- Washington

Court Admissions

- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court, Oregon
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington
- United States District Court for the Western District of Washington