

# Amie Christine Peters

Attorney

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## EDUCATION

### University of Washington School of Law

Juris Doctor, 2005  
Mediator, UW Mediation Clinic  
Child Advocate, Child & Youth Advocacy Clinic

### Eastern Washington University

Bachelor of Arts, 2002, *summa cum laude*  
Major: Government, History, with honors  
Minor: Music  
ASEWU Supreme Court Chief Justice 2001-2002  
Intern, U.S. Senator Patty Murray Summer 2001

## LICENSING

### Washington State Bar Association

Admitted: May 15, 2006  
WSBA No. 37393

### Courts Admitted:

- Washington State Courts
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wash.
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit
- Supreme Court of the United States

## EXPERIENCE

### Blue Water Legal PLLC

Edmonds, Washington  
Attorney/Owner, Dec. 2011-present

Represents Injured Persons in Longshore & Harbor Workers' Act, Defense Base Act, Jones Act/Maritime and Personal Injury Cases.

### Law Office of William D. Hochberg

Edmonds, Washington  
Associate Attorney, May 2006-Dec. 2011  
Legal Intern, July 2003-May 2006

Represented Injured Persons in Longshore & Harbor Workers' Act, Wash. State Worker's Comp. and Personal Injury Cases.

## PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT & LEADERSHIP

### American Association for Justice (AAJ)

Member, 2006-present  
State Delegate, Washington, 2014-2018  
Member, Membership Oversight Com., 2017-present  
Member, Workers' Comp. Section, 2014-present  
Member, Admiralty Section, 2014-present  
Member, Women's Caucus, 2006-present

### American Bar Association (ABA)

Member, 2015-present  
Solo/Small Firm Section, 2015-present  
Litigation Section, 2016-present

### DOL-Joint Bar Association (DOL-JBA)

Member, 2011-present  
Founding Board Member, 2011-2016  
President, 2013  
Vice President, 2012  
Secretary, 2011

### Loyola's DOL West Coast Symposium

Advisory Committee, 2016-present

### Federal Bar Association, Western District of Washington

Member, 2014-present  
Committee Member, Admiralty, 2015-present

### King County Bar Association

Member, 2013-present

### National Academy of Social Insurance

Member, 2016-present

### Pound Civil Justice Institute

Fellow, 2016-present

### Snohomish County Bar Association

Member, 2013-present

### Workers' Injury Law & Advocacy Group (WILG)

Member, 2006-present  
Board Member, 2015-present  
President, 2017-2018  
President-Elect, 2016-2017  
Treasurer, 2015-2016  
Chair, Workers' Comp Strategic Summit, 2016-present  
Chair, Legislative Affairs Committee, 2017-present  
Co-Chair, Longshore Section, 2009-2017  
Member, Opt-Out Task Force 2015-present  
Attorney Advisor, Paralegal Section, 2016-present

### Washington State Association for Justice (WSAJ)

EAGLE Member, 2006-present  
Board of Governors, 2014-present  
Executive Committee, 2017-present  
Director, Lawyers Ass'n Trust Board, 2017-present  
Co-Chair, 2016 Annual Convention, 2015-2016  
Co-Chair, Women of WSAJ, 2011-2015  
Chair, New Member Committee, 2010-2011  
Member, Legislative Affairs Steering Comm., 2016-present  
Member, CLE Committee, 2015-2017  
Member, Public Affairs Committee, 2011-2017  
Member, New Member Committee, 2007-2011  
Member, Admiralty Section, 2014-present  
Member, Workers' Comp. Advisory, 2017-present

### Washington State Bar Association (WSBA)

Active Member, 2006-present  
Member, Solo & Small Practice Section, 2013-present  
Volunteer, Prof. Develop. Mentorlink Team, 2016

## PRESENTATIONS

**"How to Handle Psychiatric and Psychological Claims"** panelist with Steven Birnbaum (CA) & Dr. Irwin Savodnik (CA)

Loyola Annual Longshore Conf., New Orleans, LA (2008).

**"PTSD: Lessons Learned from Longshore/DBA Claims"**

WILG's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conf., Las Vegas, NV (2008).

**"Longshore Nuts and Bolts Training Session"** co-presenter with Lewis Fleischman (TX)

WILG, New Orleans, LA (2009).

**"Workers' Comp. Guide for Washington P.I. Practitioners"**

WSAJ's New Member Brown Bag Series, Teleconference (2009).

**"Ethical Concerns in Claims under the Act"** panelist with ALJ Larry Price (LA) and Kathleen Charvet (LA)

Loyola Annual Longshore Conf., New Orleans, LA (2010).

**"Demands that Settle Cases"**

WILG's Annual Conf., Aventura, FL (2010).

**"Workers' Compensation & Medicare Secondary Payer Laws"**

WSAJ's Workers' Compensation CLE, Seattle, WA (2011).

**"Longshore Nuts and Bolts Training Session"**

WILG Longshore Seminar, New Orleans, LA (2012).

**"Medicare Set Asides in Workers Compensation"**

National Business Institute, Seattle, WA (2012).

**"Tech/Internet Resources for the LHWCA Practitioner"**

WILG's Annual Conf., Las Vegas, NV (2012).

**"Brainstorm Session: Fee Disputes and Other Issues."** panelist with Roger Levy (CA), Eric Dupree (CA), Judith Leichtman (CA) & Lara Merrigan (CA)

Loyola DOL-West Coast Symposium II, San Francisco, CA (2012).

**"In This Economy, Can an Injured Worker Really Find A Job?"** panelist with Shaun Aulita (FL), Lawrence Postol (DC) & ALJ Lee J. Romero, Jr. (LA)

Loyola Annual Longshore Conf., New Orleans, LA (April 2013).

**"Keeping the Doors Open: Experienced Solo Panel"** panelist with Jill Pugh (WA) & Kirk Davis (WA)

Seattle Univ. 'How to Hang Your Own Shingle' CLE, Seattle, WA (September 2013).

**"Medicare's Interests in Workers Compensation"**

WSAJ's Workers' Compensation CLE, Seattle, WA (May 2014).

**"Finding the Time – Time Management Strategies for Busy Lawyers"**

Women of WSAJ Retreat, Tulalip, WA (June 2014).

**"Emerging Social Issues Affecting the Longshore Act"** panelist with Nina Mitchell (WA), Randolph Harris (WA) & Mick Thomas (CA)

Loyola DOL – West Coast Symposium IV, San Francisco, CA (October 2014).

**"The Underpinnings of Every LHWCA or DBA Claim"**

WILG, Webinar (October 2014).

**"Readying Strong LHWCA or DBA Hearing"**

WILG, Webinar (November 2014).

**"Strong Evidence-Based LHWCA or DBA Claims"**

WILG, Webinar (November 2014).

**"Current Developments & Issues"** panelist

WILG's Longshore Seminar, New Orleans, LA (March 2015).

**"Longshore Act & the Use of the American Medical Association Guidelines"**

AAJ Annual Convention, Montreal, Canada (July 2015).

**"PTSD & Sleep Apnea – Co-Morbidity under the Longshore Act"**

WILG's 20th Anniversary Convention, Chicago, IL (October 2015).

**"New OALJ Regulations & Trial Practice"** panelist Jeff Winter (CA), Art Brewster (LA) & Howard Grossman (FL)

WILG's 20th Anniversary Convention, Chicago, IL (October 2015).

**"The Ethics of Hanging Your Own Shingle"**

WSAJ, Ethics in Seattle, Seattle, WA (December 2015).

**"Medical Summaries: Focusing on the Issues for Trial"** co-presenter with Natalie Warford (WA)

WSAJ, Annual Legal Team CLE, Seattle, WA (February 2016).

## PRESENTATIONS, CON'T

### **"Dealing with the Labor Market Survey"**

WILG, Paralegal Section Teleconference Speaker (May 2016).

### **"Collaborative Communication"** co-presenter with Amanda Peters (WA)

WSAJ, Women of WSAJ Retreat, Tulalip, WA (September 2016).

### **"Ethics in Longshore"** co-presenter with Art Brewster (LA) & Jeff Briscoe (LA)

WILG Annual Convention, Carefree, AZ (September 2016).

### **"ADR in the Real World"** panelist with Nic Wolfe (WA), Rhonda Giger (WA) & Steven Toole (WA)

Seattle U. School of Law, Seattle, WA (October 2016).

### **"Unique Ethical Concerns of a Workers' Compensation Attorney"**

WILG Northwest Regional Conference, Whitefish, MT (March 2017).

### **"Issues in Medical Care & Causation"** panelist with Douglas Brown (AL), Kayla Tortorich (LA) & Dr. Michael LaSalle (LA)

Loyola Annual Longshore Conference, New Orleans, LA (March 2017).

### **"Constitutional Challenges to Workers' Compensation & It's Future in the U.S."**

WSAJ Workers' Compensation CLE, Seattle, WA (May 2017).

### **"Managing Work Flow in Your Firm"** co-presenter with Kristine Grelish (WA)

WSAJ Annual Convention, Vancouver, BC (August 2017).

### **"Federal Legislative Update"** co-presenter with Micheal Forscey (DC)

WILG 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention, Palm Beach, FL (October 2017).

### **"Workers' Compensation Trends to Watch"**

NATLE Governmental Affairs Conference, Louisville, KY (November 2017).

### **"Workers' Compensation & the Gig Economy"**

NJAJ Meadowlands Conference, Meadowlands, NJ (November 2017).

### **"How National Issues Impact Your Practice"**

WILG Northeast Regional Conference, New York, NY (December 2017).

### **"A National Perspective on Workers' Compensation"**

MAJ's Workers' Compensation/Social Security Seminar, Detroit/Novi, MI (January 2018).

### **"National Trends in Workers' Compensation"**

WILG Southeast Regional Conference, Atlanta, GA (February 2018).

### **"Maritime Law Basics"** guest speaker

Edmonds Community College Paralegal Studies Program, Edmonds WA (March 2018).

### **"WILG National Trends & Update"** co-presenter with Elliot Schreur (DC)

WILG Northwest Regional Conference, Whitefish, MT (March 2018).

### **"Perspectives on Arguing About the Constitutionality of Workers' Compensation"** co-presenter with Stacey Tempel-St. John (MT)

WILG Northwest Regional Conference, Whitefish, MT (March 2018).

### **"Brief Writing Tips & Tricks"**

WILG Longshore Conference, New Orleans, LA (March 2018).

### **"State Updates" & "Final Discussions"** Conference Discussion Moderator with Edward Lazarus (MD)

WILG's Checks & Balances: Advancing a Constitutionally Sound Workers' Compensation System (Constitutional Challenge Summit, Washington, DC (April 2018).

### **"Can We Really Treat Pain without Drugs? An Intro to the Biopsychosocial Model"** panelist with Dr. Marco Iglesias (FL), Dr. Shaun Corbitt (FL) and Sal Richardson (FL)

workcompcentral.com, Tampa, FL (July 2018).

### **"National Trends in Workers' Compensation: Addressing Policy Concerns While Protecting Workers"**

Montana Governor's Conference on Workers' Compensation, Big Sky, MT (August 2018).

### **"Preparing for Mediation in LHWCA: From Mediator Issues to Settlement"** panelist with Roger Levy (CA), Abraham Feinstein-Hillsman (CA) & Mick Thomas (CA)

DOL West Coast Symposium, San Francisco, CA (September 2018).

### **"National Trends in Workers' Compensation"**

workcompcentral.com, webinar (September 2018).

### **"The Unheard Voice"** panelist with Matt Carey (RI), Virginia Diamond (VA) & Commissioner Philip Hood (AR)

International Association of Industrial Accident Boards & Commissions, Williamsburg, VA (October 2018).

### **"Ethical Obligations in Longshore"**

WILG 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention, Las Vegas, NV (scheduled October 2018).

## PUBLICATIONS

- "Online Resources for the Longshore Practitioner,"** new chapter author  
*The Longshore Textbook, Seventh Edition*, Lawyers & Judges Publishing, Chapter 26, 2017.
- "Handling Longshore & Harbor Workers' Compensation Act Claims,"** new chapter author  
*WSAJ Workers' Compensation Deskbook*, Wash. State Ass'n for Justice, Chapter 23, Update 2017.
- "Legal Principles of Earning Capacity in a Poor Economy,"** author  
*Loyola University New Orleans Maritime Law Journal*, Vol. 13, Spring 2014.
- "Attorney Fee Awards under the Defense Base Act,"** co-contributor  
*Defense Base Act & War Hazards Compensation Act Handbook*, LexisNexis, 2013.
- "Occupational Exposure under the Longshore Act,"** author  
*Trial News*, Washington State Association for Justice, November 2013.
- "Taking Back Your Practice – You Are Not Alone,"** author  
*Trial News*, Washington State Association for Justice, November 2011.
- "A 'Harry' Situation: The WA Supreme Court Addresses Occupational Hearing Loss,"** co-author  
*Trial News*, Washington State Association for Justice, April 2009.
- "Inbred Interpretation Overruled,"** co-author  
*Trial News*, Washington State Association for Justice, April 2006.

## PEER RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- Professionalism Award**, 2017  
Washington State Association for Justice  
*For "exemplifying the values of service and mentorship & ... diligent advocacy on behalf of injured workers"*
- President's Award**, 2010, 2016 & 2017  
Worker's Injury Law and Advocacy Group  
*For WILG leadership and service*
- Longshore Excellence in Practice Award**, 2015  
Worker's Injury Law & Advocacy Group  
*For advocacy on behalf of LHWCA-covered workers*
- Special Recognition Award**, 2014  
Worker's Injury Law & Advocacy Group  
*For Longshore ABC's CLE webinar series*
- New Member of the Year Award**, 2011  
Washington State Association for Justice  
*For "commitment to advancing a fair justice system and the public good by leadership and example"*
- "Rising Star" Award**, 2011  
Worker's Injury Law & Advocacy Group  
*For leadership by a newly active WILG member*
- "Top 40 Under 40 Civil Plaintiff" Listing**, 2016 & 2017  
The National Trial Lawyers  
*Peer nominated top plaintiff trial lawyer under 40*
- "Rising Star" Listing**, 2011 & 2013-2018  
Super Lawyers (lawyers.com)  
*Rated as top 2.5% of young WA attorneys (under 40)*
- 10.0 Rating**  
AVO.com

## COMMUNITY SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

Ms. Peters is an active mentor for law students and young lawyers. Attorneys approach her for advice on law practice management, legal analysis and career trajectory. She routinely invites law students to clerk at Blue Water Legal. She has also served as a mock trial judge for the University of Washington, Seattle University and the American Association of Justice.

The political process has always been a great passion of Ms. Peters. She worked as a Senate intern for Sen. Patty Murray. She regularly lobbies both the state legislature and the U.S. Congress, and has assisted in the drafting of state and national legislation.

Ms. Peters and Blue Water Legal PLLC are active participants in "Trial Lawyers Care." Ms. Peters has participated in various projects including:

- Supply Drive for Garfield Elem. School, Everett, WA
- Raising Funds and Volunteering for Food LifeLine of WA
- Donating 75 "Care Backpacks" to Homeless Teens at Roots Shelter
- Volunteering at Skamania County Stevenson Food Bank

In her free time, Ms. Peters can be found, camera in hand, enjoying everything the Pacific Northwest has to offer. She particularly enjoys the Edmonds Farmers' Market, Pacific Northwest Ballet and Seattle Arts & Lectures' Poetry Series. In the rainy months, Ms. Peters papercrafts and writes poetry.