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Jenny represents insurance companies, health care facilities and providers, and professionals in litigation ranging from personal injury to medical malpractice to professional malpractice.

Jenny also helps manage the firm's litigation-based focus groups. In this role, Jenny works with the firm's trial teams to identify critical issues of the case to test in the focus group. She then assists with organizing the focus group, which includes: jury recruitment, drafting presentations and arguments, analyzing focus group findings and putting together a comprehensive report and action plan for the client.

One of Jenny's greatest strengths as a trial lawyer is her innate ability to develop meaningful interpersonal relationships with everyone with whom she works – from clients to experts to mediators to opposing counsel. Her unbridled enthusiasm for every case she works on allows her to develop relationships and facilitate strategic discussions with experts, particularly medical professionals, over the course of a case. This greatly benefits her clients because she is able to collaborate with the experts to prepare tactical and thorough disclosures that often lead to early resolution of a case.

Jenny's prior litigation experience includes:

- Completing a **semester in practice at St. Luke's Health System** where she reviewed and updated policies and contracts to ensure compliance with new changes in the law, assisted with employment and medical malpractice cases in the pre-litigation phase, and analyzed evolving issues in healthcare including those related to Medicaid, Medicare and gaps in coverage, known as the doughnut hole.
- Serving as a **judicial extern** for Chief Magistrate Judge Ronald E. Bush, U.S. District Court for the District of Idaho. In this position, Jenny prepared bench memorandums and an order on summary judgment for a wrongful termination case.
- Serving as a **summer associate** at Gjording Fouser where, among other things, she assisted in drafting a motion to dismiss for a client involved in a corporate negligence case in the U.S. District Court for the District of Idaho. The motion was granted and the claims were dismissed.

Jenny has been an assistant coach of the Boise High School girls' varsity soccer team since 2013. She is also a board member of Boise Urban Garden School (BUGS) where she educates others about the organization, builds partnerships in the community, and assists with fundraising efforts.

Jenny is admitted to practice in Idaho.

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Idaho Association of Defense Counsel (IADC)
- Member, Idaho Women Lawyers (IWL)
- Member, Young Lawyers section, Idaho State Bar (ISB)

IRRELEVANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- She successfully hosted and medaled in two "grilled cheese off" competitions
- In college, Jenny and her roommate sold crocheted winter accessories under the name, "The Mad Hattery"
- Jenny earned a degree in sustainable agriculture, worked on a farm at the University of Montana, and has a passion for growing food

EDUCATION

- University of Montana, B.A. in Environmental Studies and a certificate in Sustainable Agriculture
- University of Idaho College of Law, J.D.
 - Served as Boise Vice President and class representative of the Student Bar Association (SBA)
 - Member of the University of Idaho College of Law National Moot Court Team, which earned honors for the second place appellate brief. In preparation for the Regional Moot Court Competition, Jenny had the incredible opportunity to argue at the Idaho Supreme Court in front of the Honorable Justices Roger S. Burdick and Joel D. Horton.
 - Received the Outstanding Student Service award in recognition of her superior student leadership and for her role on the SBA. The faculty and administration of the College of Law selected one student at each campus to receive this award.
- Northwest Institute for Dispute Resolution, Basic Civil Mediation Certificate