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Trudy Hanson Fouser is regionally and nationally recognized as an exceptional trial lawyer. She defends hospitals, businesses and professionals in medical malpractice, employment law, and personal injury defense cases. *Chambers USA* interviewees laud Trudy as an “excellent litigator” and praise her “ability to effectively manage litigation and achieve a successful outcome . . . along with a gifted ability to persuade and present her point of view.” *Benchmark Litigation* interviewees hail Trudy as “the leading female litigator in Idaho,” and say that “Trudy’s 20 years of experience in defense litigation makes her the top choice for very difficult and technical matters’ particularly in catastrophic injury claims.”

Trudy has been lead counsel in more than 55 civil jury trials over the course of her career, and her superior trial skills have resulted in her being inducted into two prominent trial organizations. She is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL) and an Associate in the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). She is the only female lawyer in Idaho who is a member of ABOTA.

ACCOLADES

- Selected as a “Local Litigation Star” in Idaho by *Benchmark Litigation* (2014 - 2018)
- Ranked as one of the leading litigators in Idaho by *Chambers USA* (2013 - 2017)
- The only female attorney in Idaho to be selected as a “Top 250 Women in Litigation” by *Benchmark Litigation* (2013 - 2015)
- Named the *Best Lawyers*® 2014-2015 Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants “Lawyer of the Year” in Boise
- Recipient, Idaho State Bar Professionalism Award (2009)
 - *This award is given to a few select Idaho lawyers each year, and is one of the highest honors Idaho lawyers can receive during their careers. The award is an expression of respect, commendation and appreciation from the recipient’s peers.*
- Exemplary Service Award, Idaho Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (2009)
- Honored as one of the Idaho Women of the Year, *Idaho Business Review* (2009)
- Martindale-Hubbell “AV” rating
- One of the top 100 lawyers in the Mountain States (Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah and Nevada), *Super Lawyers* (2016-2017)

- One of the top 50 women lawyers in the Mountain States (Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah and Nevada), *Super Lawyers* (2008-2012, 2014-2017)
- Mountain States Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers* (2007-2017)

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- President, Idaho State Bar (February – July 2016)
- 4th District Bar Commissioner, Idaho State Bar (2013 – July 2016)
- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers (2004 - Present)
 - *Fellowship to the ACTL is by invitation only and the membership can never be more than 1% of the total lawyer population of Idaho.*
- Chair, Idaho State Committee, American College of Trial Lawyers (2015-2016)
- Associate, American Board of Trial Advocates (2012 - Present)
 - *Membership is by invitation only and a lawyer must serve as lead counsel in at least 20 civil trials that are tried to jury verdict to become an Associate of ABOTA. Only 14 lawyers in Idaho are members of this prestigious organization.*
- Fellow, International Society of Barristers (2006 - Present)
- 9th Circuit Lawyer Representative, United States District & Bankruptcy Court, District of Idaho (2011 – 2013)
- President, Idaho Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (2006-2008)
- Member, Idaho State Pro Bono Commission (2008 - 2012)
- Member, Idaho Association of Defense Counsel (IADC)
- Member, Idaho Women Lawyers (IWL)
- Board of Directors, Federal Defender Services of Idaho

IRRELEVANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- She had the largest head circumference in her high school graduating class
- She has been on Segway tours of the streets of Boston, Washington D.C., Chicago, Seattle and Bruges
- As an Idaho native, she has lived in 1A, 1B, 1O and 1L counties
- Her whistle not only brought children running home but also won several contests. (Now her husband claims that using a thumb and forefinger lessens this accomplishment but she begs to differ.)
- She happens to be very good at parallel parking
- She was the winner of the Malad High School best actress award two years in a row

- She was enrolled in baton, tap, ballet, guitar, piano and flute lessons before her mother realized her only talent was talking!

EDUCATION

- Georgia State University, *magna cum laude*, B.A. in journalism with English minor
 - Recipient of the Outstanding Young Journalist Award presented by the Atlanta Press Association
- University of Idaho College of Law, J.D.