



# Carolyn A. Mount

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**“I believe that excellent advocacy requires a deep understanding of clients’ stories and goals. I collaborate with clients to develop a thorough, cost-effective dispute resolution strategy, whether through early negotiation, alternative dispute resolution, or litigation.”**

Carrie Mount is a member of the firm’s litigation group who brings diligence, value, and commitment to clients. Carrie advocates for commercial policyholders in insurance coverage disputes and has assisted policyholders seeking recovery of insurance benefits from Commercial General Liability (CGL), Property, and Builder’s Risk policies. Carrie is well versed in insurance bad faith claims and Washington’s Insurance Fair Conduct Act.

Carrie assists construction clients in variety of disputes, including lien, contract, tort, and post-judgment claims, focusing on efficiency and cost-effective representation. Carrie is also experienced in general commercial litigation, including working with financial services, maritime, and eminent domain clients.

Prior to joining the firm, Carrie worked as a legal extern for King County Court-Appointed Special Advocates, assisting volunteers who advocate on behalf of children dependent on the State for care. Carrie also worked as a judicial extern in the Honorable John. C. Coughenour’s chambers in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington.

## Professional Activities

- King County Bar Association, Member
- Washington State Bar Association, Member
  - Construction Law Section
- William L. Dwyer American Inn of Court, Member

## Representative Experience

### Commercial Disputes

- Obtained complete dismissals of tort and Consumer Protection Act claims against clients under Rule 12(b)(6).
- Attained successful settlements after mediation.

## Education

J. D., Seattle University School of Law, magna cum laude, 2019

- Managing Editor, *Seattle University Law Review*

B. A., Eastern Washington University, children’s studies, 2012

## Bar Admissions

Washington, 2019

## Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

- Secured protective orders and resisted motions to compel in discovery.
- Recovered attorney fees under Rule 11 based the opposing party's baseless lawsuit.

### Publications

- "Managing Risk: What's Old, What's New," *Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association Magazine*, coauthor (Autumn 2022)
- "Livin' on a Prayer (for Noneconomic Damages in a Coverage Dispute)," Miller Nash, *The Northwest Policyholder*, coauthor (May 2022)
- "Tricky Insurance Endorsements Can Weaken Your Liability Coverage," National Association of Minority Contractors—Oregon, *NAMC-OR Newsletter*, coauthor (Fall 2021)
- "Policyholders Beware: Two CGL Endorsements Seek to Limit Your Liability Coverage (Part 2)," Miller Nash, *The Northwest Policyholder* (Aug. 2021)
- "Policyholders Beware: Two CGL Endorsements May Limit Your Liability Coverage (Part 1)," Miller Nash, *The Northwest Policyholder* (July 2021)
- "Vandalism or Looting Impacted Your Business? Insurance Coverage & What to Do Now," Miller Nash Graham & Dunn, *The Northwest Policyholder*, coauthor (Jun. 2020)

### Presentations

- "Leveraging Claims Handling Requirements to Get Results," Miller Nash, Insurance Webinar Series (Feb. 2022)
- "Understanding Insurance Coverage Issues & Minimizing Liability Exposure," Miller Nash Graham & Dunn, webinar, moderator (May 2021)
- "Understanding Insurance Coverage Issues," HalfMoon Education, webinar (Mar. 2021)

### Personal Activities

When not practicing law, Carrie can be found shuttling her four kids to activities or cooking and baking new recipes. She enjoys visiting Seabrook and the mountains of Washington with her family.