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## RICHARD J. VANGELISTI

ATTORNEY AT LAW

*Richard J. Vangelisti and his law partner Scott F. Kocher represent individuals and their families in all areas of personal injury. Mr. Vangelisti and Mr. Kocher bring to their work the core values of Vangelisti Kocher LLP: prevent injury, obtain justice for injured persons, and strengthen the justice system for future generations.*

### HONORS

*2009 Oregon Super Lawyers - Personal Injury Listing.* This merit-based selection identifies a lawyer as outstanding among Oregon lawyers in a field of practice. The selection process includes nomination, review of resume and evaluation by other lawyers.

*AV Peer Review Rating* by LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell. This rating identifies a lawyer with very high to preeminent legal ability, experience, integrity and overall professional excellence. It is this peer review survey's highest rating.

Judge James M. Burns Federal Practice/Professionalism Award (2009)

MBA Judicial Screening Committee, Multnomah Bar Association Award of Merit (2009)

Pro Bono Honor Roll, Multnomah Bar Association (2007); Pro Bono Public Service Commendation, Washington State Bar Association (2004)

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member, Oregon Bench and Bar Joint Commission on Professionalism – Professionalism and Law School Liaison Committees (2009-2010)

Participant, William A. Barton Litigation Boot Camp IV (2009-2010)

Mentor, MBA Mentorship Panel (2010); Mentor, FBA Oregon Chapter (2010)

Signatory, Multnomah Bar Association Statement of Diversity Principles (2009)

Co-chair (2008-2009), Ninth Circuit Lawyer Rep., 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judicial Conference (2006-2009)

Past President (2005-06) and Board Member, Oregon Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (2001-present)

Chair, Judicial Screening Committee, Multnomah Bar Association (2009-2010; 2007-2010 (member))

Member, Pro Bono Representation Panel, USDC of Oregon (2007-2009)

Barrister, Owen M. Panner American Inn of Court (2002-present)

Guardians of Civil Justice, Oregon Trial Lawyers Association (2009-present)

President's Circle, Oregon Trial Lawyers Association (2004-2009)

Member, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association (2005-present)

Member, United States District Court Historical Society (2005-present)

Member, Publications Committee, Oregon Trial Lawyers Association (2004)

Mentor, Multnomah Bar Association Mentor Program (2003-2004; 2006-2007, 2009-2010)

Member, Multnomah Bar Association, YLS CLE Committee (2001)

#### **EDUCATION**

Southern Methodist University School of Law, J.D. with high honors, 1995  
Law Review Editor-In-Chief (1994-1995) and Order of the Coif

Arizona State University, B.A. *magna cum laude*, Philosophy, 1991  
University Honors College

Brophy Jesuit College Preparatory, Arizona, 1985

Basic Mediation Training, United States District Court for the District of Oregon with  
Justice Susan Leeson, 2010

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

State of Oregon; State of Washington; State of Texas (inactive)

United States District Court for the District of Oregon

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

#### **CAREER POSITIONS**

Arbitrator – Arbitration Program, CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY (2008 - present)

Founder and Partner, VANGELISTI KOCHER LLP (2006 - present) and VANGELISTI LAW OFFICES PC (2003): Civil trials and appeals representing plaintiffs in personal injury cases.

Attorney, PAUL & SUGERMAN, PC (2003): Civil trials and appeals representing plaintiffs in state and federal courts in all areas of personal injury and employment law.

Attorney, STOEL RIVES LLP (1999-2003): Complex business and intellectual property litigation in state and federal courts across the country.

Special Prosecutor, MULTNOMAH COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (February-March 2000).

Attorney, FULBRIGHT & JAWORSKI LLP (1997-1999): Complex business, personal injury, and employment litigation.

Judicial Law Clerk, THE HONORABLE RICHARD A. SCHELL, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas (1995-1997).

Judicial Intern, THE HONORABLE JOE KENDALL, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas (1993).

#### **ACTIVITIES RELATING TO CHILDREN**

Contributor, 1000 Friends of Mercy Corps – Murdock Challenge (2009 - 2010)

Attorney Volunteer, Domestic Violence Project (2004 - present)

Member, Make-A-Wish Foundation (2002 – present)

Professional Member, Brain Injury Association of Oregon (2006 – present)

Juvenile Rights Sponsor, Juvenile Rights Project (2009 - present)

Sponsor, Habitat for Humanity (2006 - present)

Foundation Society, Emanuel Children's Hospital Foundation (2008)

#### **ACTIVITIES RELATING TO ELDERS**

Partner, Governor's Commission on Senior Services "Everyday Heroes" Campaign

Associate Member, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

Member, Nursing Home Litigation Group of the American Association for Justice

Member, Elder Law Section of the Oregon State Bar

**REPRESENTATIVE CASES**

*Marina Serena v. Trimark X, LLC*, Superior Court of the State of Washington (King County)  
Claims: Negligence – Premises Liability; Consumer Protection Act

*PR of Estate v. Defendants*, Superior Court of the State of Washington (Clark County)  
Claims: Wrongful Death Action; Negligence; Products Liability; Elder Neglect

*Minor Child v. Private School*, Multnomah County Circuit Court (Probate)  
Claims: Skull Fracture; Negligence

*PR of Estate v. Allis-Chambers Product Liability Trust, et al*, Superior Court of the State of Washington (King County)  
Claims: Asbestos; Mesothelioma; Wrongful Death; Negligence; Products Liability

*Jones v. Fred Meyer, Inc.*, Multnomah County Circuit Court  
Claims: Hand Injury; Negligence; Products Liability

*Minor Child v. Keys Rental Management LLC*, Multnomah County Circuit Court  
Claims: Window Fall; Negligence; Punitive Damages

*Kment v. Osteotech, Inc*, United States District Court for District of Oregon  
Claims: Medical Products Liability, Negligence

*Luong v. Atkeson*, Multnomah County Circuit Court  
Claims: Motor Vehicle Collision, Negligence

*Plant v. Sportsstuff, Inc.*, Multnomah County Circuit Court  
Claims: Products Liability, Negligence

*Corrales, et al. v. Farmers Group, Inc., et al.*, United States District Court for District of Oregon  
Claims: Intervenors; Overtime Pay Litigation

*Steele v. Pergo, Inc.*, United States District Court for District of Oregon  
Claims: Class Action, Breach of Warranty, Fraud

*Stephan v. Avamere Lake Oswego Operations Investors, LLC*, Multnomah County Circuit Court  
Claims: Nursing Home Negligence, Breach of Contract

*Legal Aid Services of Oregon v. LSC*, United States District Court for District of Oregon  
Claims: Constitutional Law Challenges

*Jones v. Fred Meyer Stores, Inc.*, Multnomah County Circuit Court  
Claims: Severed Tendon/Nerve; Negligence; Premises Liability; Products Liability

*Bernasconi v. Fred Meyer Stores, Inc.*, Multnomah County Circuit Court  
Claims: Hip Fracture; Survival Action; Negligence; Premises Liability

*Minor Child v. Jin Wah, Inc.*, Multnomah County Circuit Court  
Claims: Scald Burn Injury; Negligence; Premises Liability

*Holm Jensen v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Company*, Multnomah County Circuit Court  
Claims: Auto Collision; Drunk Driver; Underinsured Motorist

*Minor v. Defendants*, Multnomah County Circuit Court  
Claims: Sex Abuse; Negligence

*Bernard v. Willamette View, Inc.*, Multnomah County Circuit Court  
Claims: Long-term Care Facility Fall; Negligence

*Davis v. Royal Town Car and Shuttle Services*, Multnomah County Circuit Court  
Claims: Bicycle/Auto Collision; Negligence

*Minor Child v. Landlord*, Multnomah County Circuit Court  
Claims: Window Fall; Negligence; Residential and Landlord Tenant Act

*Johnson v. Ditmore*, United States District Court for District of Oregon  
Claims: Mold Exposure; Breach of Contract

#### **SPEAKING**

Fact Investigation in Personal Injury Cases, Oregon State Bar CLE (June 2010)

Strategic Discovery Practice in Federal Court, Oregon Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, Panel Participant on Professionalism/Civility/Conferral with Hon. Anna Brown, Hon. John Acosta, and Scott Hunt (April 2010)

Trial Professionalism—A Key to Winning for Your Client, Spotlight CLE, Owen M. Panner Inn of Court (December 2009)

State/Federal Court Differences, Federal Practice & Procedure, Oregon Law Institute & Federal Bar Association (program faculty and co-presenter with Hon. Garr King, U.S. District Court Judge) (November 2009)

Vangelisti, R.J., Attorneys Preventing Child Abuse Through Mandatory Reporting, National Law Foundation (October 2009)

Trial Professionalism—Strategies for Dealing with Unprofessionalism, Spotlight CLE, Owen M. Panner Inn of Court (September 2009)

Professionalism for First Year Law Students of Lewis & Clark Law School (facilitator) (August 2009)

Improving the Administration of Justice in the Ninth Circuit: A Frank Discussion Between the Bench and Bar, 2009 Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference (facilitator) (July 2009)

Professionalism Committee 2009 “Pre-CLE”: What You Didn’t Learn In Law School: The Transition To the Real World of Practice, Multnomah Bar Association (facilitator) (April 2009)

Professionalism, Oregon State Bar CLE (December 2008)

E-Discovery – Bridging the Gap Between the Law and Technology, Oregon Law Institute (October 2008)

Know Your Rights – Preventing Child Window Falls, KATU’s AM Northwest (September 2008)

Litigating a Physical Abuse/Neglect Case Against a Long-Term Care Facility, Oregon State Bar CLE (June 2008)

Bicycle Law and Injury Prevention for Advocates and Riders  
Oregon State Bar CLE (June 2008)

Professionalism, Owen M. Panner Inn of Court (April 2008)

Removal and Remand, Federal Practice & Procedure, Oregon Law Institute & Federal Bar Association (May 2008)

Rules and Procedures for Federal Court Success, National Business Institute (May 2008)

Elder Abuse and Neglect Claims Against Facilities, Representing Elder Abuse Victims, Oregon Law Institute & OSB Elder Law Section (April 2008)

Proving and Refuting Damage Claims by Individual Plaintiffs in Employment and Personal Injury Cases, Multnomah Bar Association CLE (January 2008)

Panelist, Negotiation Ethics: Winning Without Selling Your Soul,  
Oregon State Bar CLE (December 2007)

Fact Investigation in Personal Injury Cases, Oregon Trial Lawyers Association (November 2007)

Bicycle Law and Injury Prevention for Advocates and Riders  
Oregon State Bar CLE (June 2007)

Litigating Elder Abuse and Neglect Claims, OSB Elder Law Section (May 2007)

Preventing Elder Abuse, Multnomah Bar Association (January 2007)

Preventing Elder Abuse, Legal Aid Services of Oregon CLE (October 2006)

Fact Investigation in Personal Injury Cases, Oregon State Bar CLE (June 2006)

Associating Co-Counsel to Build Your Practice, Oregon Trial Lawyers Association (January 2006)

Litigating a Physical Abuse/Neglect Case Against a Nursing Home; Representing Elder Abuse Victims, Oregon Law Institute of Lewis and Clark Law School (March 2005)

Local Rules, Pretrial Strategy, Case Management, and Rule 16 Conferences; Federal Practice and Procedure Seminar, Federal Bar Association and Oregon Law Institute of Lewis and Clark Law School (March 2004)

#### PUBLICATIONS

Vangelisti, R.J., Co-author with U.S. Magistrate Judge John V. Acosta, Judges and Lawyers in Partnership for Professionalism, Bulletin, Oregon State Bar (forthcoming) (2010)

Vangelisti, R.J., Conflicts Between Lawyers – The Professionalism Antidote, The Committee on Pretrial Practice & Discovery of the Section of Litigation of the American Bar Association (Fall 2010)

Vangelisti, R.J., How the MBA Screens Judicial Applicants, Multnomah Lawyer (October and November 2009)

Vangelisti, R.J., Attorneys Preventing Child Abuse Through Mandatory Reporting, National Law Foundation (October 2009)

Vangelisti, R.J., Co-author, Professionalism Web Page for Oregon State Bar New Lawyers Division (Summer 2009)

Vangelisti, R.J., Taking a Long-Term Approach to Marketing, Trial Lawyer, Oregon Trial Lawyers Association (Fall 2009)

Vangelisti, R.J., Removal from State to Federal Court, Oregon Civil Litigation Manual, OSB Legal Publications, 2009 Supplement (2009)

Vangelisti, R.J., Conduct Counts: Professional Strategies for Dealing with Unprofessionalism, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (May 2008)

Vangelisti, R.J., Initiative No. 51 and Oregonians' Access to the Courthouse, For the District of Oregon, Oregon Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (Spring 2008)

Vangelisti, R.J., Where to File – Federal Court v. State Court, Trial Lawyer, Oregon Trial Lawyers Association (2007)

Vangelisti, R.J., Co-Author, Abnormally Dangerous Activities, Torts – Oregon State Bar Series (2006)

Vangelisti, R.J., Research Editor, Products Liability, Torts – Oregon State Bar Series (2006)

Vangelisti, R.J., Right to Trial by Jury—A Cornerstone of Our Democracy, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (April 2005)

Vangelisti, R.J., A Senior Duty: Why not mandatory reporting for elder abuse?, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (February/March 2005)

Vangelisti, R.J., Editor, Recent Case Developments, Trial Lawyer, Oregon Trial Lawyers Association (2003-2005)

Vangelisti, R.J., Co-Editor, For The District of Oregon, Oregon Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (2001-2004)

Vangelisti, R.J., Co-Author, Amendments to the Local Rules of Practice and Procedure, For The District of Oregon (Fall 2002)

Vangelisti, R.J., Trade Secrets: Inevitable Disclosure Doctrine in Oregon, 19 Litigation Journal 6 (2000)

Vangelisti, R.J., Proposed Amendment to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c) Concerning Protective Orders: A Critical Analysis of What It Means and How It Operates, 48 Baylor Law Review 163 (1996)

**PERSONAL**

Richard enjoys golf, guitar and poetry. He cherishes his time with his wife and young daughters.