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## **Stephen J. Bean**

### **Areas of Practice**

#### **Mediation**

#### **Business**

- Business sales
- Litigation
- Management and Operations

#### **Complex Litigation**

#### **Health Care**

#### **Banking**

#### **Employment**

- Non-Compete Agreements
- Wrongful Termination
- Discrimination

In his more than 45 years as a Washington attorney, Stephen Bean has seen and done it all, within the legal world. He has a lot to show for it. Since 2000, he has been named a “Washington Super Lawyer” five times by *Washington Law & Politics* magazine, a state-wide honor, and in 2008 he was named Lawyer of the Year by the Thurston County Bar Association. He has been called “one of the state’s best” by *Seattle Magazine*.

After litigating hundreds of cases over the years, he is now a much-sought-after mediator, working with parties to resolve disputes outside of the courtroom. “This is the most rewarding part of my practice – helping other lawyers solve their clients’ problems,” Steve says.

Steve represents hundreds of businesses in the Northwest, providing exceptionally experienced counsel in commercial transactions, employment and management matters. He continues to expand his knowledge and practice areas, recently attending national conferences in both health care and banking law.

Steve is an Olympian by birth and helped pay his way through law school by giving tours of the Olympia Brewery. Outside of his professional life, Steve enjoys cooking, eating, swimming, weight lifting and following the Huskies and has helped raise six wonderful daughters. He continues to be heavily involved in the community as a philanthropist and, as a fundraiser, he has raised almost one million dollars for local nonprofit organizations.

**Education**

University of Washington, J.D.  
University of Washington, B.A.

**Community Involvement**

Member and Past President, Olympia Rotary  
Chairman, Thurston First Bank, 2008-Present  
Past President, Thurston County Bar Association  
Co-Founder, Community Youth Services  
Co-Founder, Thurston County Urban League  
Former Member, Olympia Human rights Commission  
Member, Thurston County Bar Association