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Ms. Bernick received her law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law, graduating in 1989. Ms. Bernick was an associate then partner with Davis Wright Tremaine LLP in Portland, Oregon

from 1989 until 2014. She served in many roles including chair of the firm's Attorney Evaluation Committee; member of the firm's Executive Committee and Partner-in-Charge of the firm's Portland office. Ms. Bernick is an experienced trial lawyer, including several significant wage and hour class action cases. She was recognized as one of the best employment attorneys in Oregon by *Chambers USA*, *Best Lawyers in America* and one of the Top 25 Women Lawyers in Oregon by *Super Lawyers*. She is the recipient of the Peter Perlman Service Award from the Litigation Counsel of America and a Fellow in the College of Labor & Employment Lawyers. She previously was a member of the board of the Multnomah Bar Association, where she chaired the Judicial Selection Committee and served on the Court Liaison and Equality and Diversity Committees.



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