

New members and staff for ACHIEV

New members appointed by the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO



Neil Hartman is the political director for the Washington State Building & Construction Trades Council (WSBCTC), an organization that represents 70,000 construction workers. He has worked with the WSBCTC for ten years on a range of issues with an emphasis on workers' compensation and workplace safety, unemployment insurance, workforce education and training, and economic development.

Neil currently sits on the Workers' Compensation Advisory Committee's (WCAC) Finance subcommittee, the Process Safety Management Advisory Committee, and the Blue/Green Alliance Executive Committee. He participates regularly at the WCAC, the Capital Projects Advisory Review Board, the Workforce Development Council, and Labor & Industries' Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee.

As the political director of the WSBCTC, Neil engages in policy making on these and other issues affecting the construction industry.



Lee Thomas practices exclusively in litigation involving injured workers and those injured through the negligence of others. He is regularly in hearings at the Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals trying cases against the Department of Labor & Industries and self-insured employers. Lee is also honing his trial skills in superior court in workers' compensation and personal injury cases. He is an active Eagle member of the Washington State Association for Justice where he also serves on the Legislative Steering Committee.

Before law school, Lee earned a Master in Teaching degree from Seattle University and taught world, U.S., and Washington State history to junior high school students. During law school Lee earned Dean's List honors, graduated cum laude, and was selected by his peers to deliver the commencement address to the 2008 graduating class at Seattle University



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School of Law. His practice started at Hanis Irvine Prothero, PLLC, in Kent, where he worked in real estate litigation and personal injury. In 2010, Lee joined David Harpold's firm in Kent to learn workers' compensation and continue to grow his personal injury practice. Lee is a 2013 graduate of the Trial Lawyer's College founded by Gerry Spence in Dubois, Wyoming, and now owns Harpold Thomas, PC. Lee was also recently named a Washington Rising Star by Super Lawyers Magazine for 2015.

New Provider Education Coordinator for the Office of the Medical Director



Jena Williams will provide project and technical support for both ACHIEV and IICAC. She has eight years of experience coordinating a federal grant project collaborating with the steering committee, researchers and industry stakeholders. She has a Bachelor's degree majoring in Economics and is certified in graphic design. Her experience includes developing web-based learning programs, website development, leveraging social media, and publishing articles, newsletters, and promotional materials. She is excited to get to know the members of both committees.