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Clifford A. (Cliff) Webster joined Carney Badley Spellman in 1983. He has represented businesses and business and professional trade associations before the state legislature and a variety of state agencies on matters related to taxation, liability, health care, communications, insurance, transportation, environmental regulation, government procurement, business regulation and professional licensing.

Mr. Webster has been called one of a handful of "lobbyists to call to get things done" in the state capital by Washington Law & Politics. The magazine profiled him as one of five lobbyists "whose high levels of integrity, know-how and people skills have garnered [him] respect and influence on both sides of the aisle." Seven times in the last decade, Mr. Webster was named a Super Lawyer in political law affairs. No attorney-lobbyist has been recognized as a Super Lawyer more often. Seattle Business Monthly identified him as "one of Olympia's elite lobbyists" who has "become one of Washington's most sought after and successful lobbyists." The News Tribune (Tacoma) said "Webster is charismatic and clearly enjoys his job." The Seattle Weekly has added "Webster is a high-powered lobbyist." The Olympian has written: "[Carney's] best-known face among lobbyists is Cliff Webster, who has played prominent roles on behalf of pharmaceutical companies on such issues as limiting liability in malpractice and product damage cases."

Mr. Webster also has worked on a number of ballot measures in the last decade—Initiative I-330 (Medical Malpractice Reform); Referendum 67 (Insurance); Initiative 1107 (Food & Beverage Taxes); Initiative 522 (GMO Labeling).

Mr. Webster is chairman of the Washington Liability Reform Coalition and served on the board of directors of the American Tort Reform Association. In 2004, he served a one-year term as chairman of SCG Legal. He is a former member of Seattle's ACT Theatre board of trustees.

Mr. Webster authors the Washington chapter of Lobbying, PACs and Campaign Finance: 50 State Handbook, published by WEST/Thomson Reuters.

Mr. Webster previously worked for U.S. Senator Slade Gorton (R-WA), and was chief deputy prosecuting attorney in Chelan County, Washington.

To see a list of clients for whom Carney Badley Spellman, P.S. is registered please visit the Washington Public Disclosure Commission for lobbying purposes.

Education

JD, Gonzaga University School of Law, 1977

BA, Political Science, Washington State University, 1974

Bar and Court Admissions

State of Washington

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington

Honors and Recognitions

Listed in Super Lawyers, 2006 and 2011 - 2018

The Best of CLE 1978; Washington State Bar Association

Speaking Engagements

"Core Competencies for Professionals: Engineering Power in Politics," American Council of Engineering Companies of Washington, December 8, 2015, Bellevue, Washington

"Hazed and Confused: The Impact of Marijuana Legislation in Colorado and Washington as well as Ohio's Proposed Ballot Initiatives," Ohio Society for Human Resource Management, June 3, 2015, Columbus, Ohio

"In the Haze: The Impact of Marijuana Legalization on the Practice of Law," SCG Legal 2014 Midwinter Meeting, March 22, 2014, Miami, Florida

"GMO Labeling," The Seminar Group: Agriculture Law & Biotechnology, July 26, 2013, Seattle, Washington

Publications

"Chapter 49: Washington," Lobbying, PACs, and Campaign Finance: 50 State Handbook, 2016 Edition, West/Thomson Reuters, 2016