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Clifford (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.” Ten times Webster was named a Super Lawyer in legislative and governmental 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 – Initiative 330 (Medical Malpractice Reform); Referendum 67 (Insurance); Initiative 1107 (Food & Beverage Taxes); Initiative 522 (GMO Labeling); Initiative 1631 (Carbon Tax).

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 serves on the Washington State University Foundation 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.

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 - 2019

The Best of CLE 1978; Washington State Bar Association

Speaking Engagements

"Defensive Efforts Against Plaintiff Lawyer Legislative Proposals," American Tort Reform Association's Annual Legislative Conference, November 13, 2018, San Diego, California

"Core Competencies for Professionals: Engineering Power in Politics," American Council of Engineering Companies of Washington, December 11, 2018, 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*, 2019 Edition, West/Thomson Reuters, 2019