

# Chris L. Baker

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## Biography

A Pacific Northwest native, Ms. Baker has lived in the Puget Sound area for most of her life. In the 22 years prior to her work as an attorney, Ms. Baker worked as a critical care nurse in various parts of the nation, including Alaska and Oregon. Ms. Baker graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor's of Science in Health Care Management from St. Joseph's College in 2001. After a successful career in medicine, she elected to attend law school where she graduated with honors in 2004 from the Gonzaga School of Law.

After passing the Washington State Bar exam she began her legal career with the Yakima County Prosecutor's Office practicing in both the District and Superior Courts. In 2007, Chris began her career as a criminal defense attorney after joining a local firm. Shortly after, Ms. Baker started her own solo practice in September of 2008.

Currently, Ms. Baker is a partner at Baker Lewis Schwisow & Laws and has been practicing law for more than ten years. She has been selected by the Washington State Office of Public Defense to represent parents whose children are involved with Child Protective Services in dependency matters. She also handles a wide variety of criminal matters ranging from misdemeanors to felonies.

Ms. Baker has also successfully represented plaintiffs in civil matters including wrongful death claims, sexual harassment and personal injury cases. Her strong background in medicine has shown to be a great asset in her representation of clients who suffered serious medical and emotional injuries.

Ms. Baker has consistently demonstrated that she has the compassion and drive to fight for her clients and achieve the goals they reach for. She is an outstanding advocate and will provide the zealous arguments each of her clients deserve.

## Admitted to Practice

- Washington

## Professional Activities

- Washington State Bar Association
- Snohomish County Bar Association
- Pierce County Bar Association
- Washington Defenders Association

## Criminal Defense Experience

- Misdemeanor
- DUI
- Assault
- Theft
- Prostitution
- Drug Possession
- Reckless Driving
- Public Intoxication
- Disorderly Conduct
- Trespassing
- Felony Crimes
- Drug Use/Sales

## Previous Experience

- Solo Practitioner, Baker Law, PLLC (2008-2010)
- Represented clients appointed by the Yakima Municipal Court in Criminal Defense
- Prosecutor , Yakima County Prosecutors Office (2004-2007)
- United States Army - Captain Reserves (1998-2007)