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## **Practice Areas**

**Business Law** 

Commercial Litigation

**Employment Law** 

Maritime Law

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Mary Butler joined LeGros Buchanan & Paul in July 2014. Her practice is concentrated primarily on maritime litigation, including the defense of seaman's personal injury and wrongful death claims, wreck removals, cargo loss, breach of contract, and employment-based harassment and discrimination disputes. Mary has trial experience in both federal and state courts in Washington. She also provides general legal counsel to maritime and non-maritime clients regarding employment contracts, insurance coverage, and commercial transactions.

Mary obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Loyola University Chicago in 2003. She spent the next five years as a paralegal in two Chicago law firms, assisting with a wide variety of cases, including insurance coverage, complex insurance defense litigation, reinsurance, and complex Chapter 11 bankruptcies. She then returned to the Pacific Northwest to attend law school. She received her J.D., cum laude, from Seattle University School of Law in 2011. While in law school, she was published in the Seattle Journal for Social Justice and served as its Editor-in-Chief, worked as a research assistant to Professor Mary Bowman, and traveled to South Africa to study at the Mandela Institute of the University of Witwatersand Law School. During school, she also worked at a private firm, gaining valuable litigation and trial experience.

Mary is admitted to practice in Washington. She is also admitted to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. District Courts for the Western and Eastern Districts of Washington.