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Mr. Gardner received the 2015 Trial Attorney of the Year by The American Board of Trial Advocates Washington Chapter, and the Trial Lawyer of the Year award from the Washington State Trial Lawyers Association in 2004; serves as a WSAJ Eagle, and is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, Damage Attorneys Round Table, the American College of Trial Lawyers, and The Inner Circle of Advocates.

For the last twelve years Mr. Gardner has been listed as a “Super Lawyer” by Law & Politics. He has tried over 50 cases to verdict including 13 cases with damage awards in excess of \$1,000,000. Notable verdicts include:

1. The first million-dollar verdict for the death of a minor in Washington
(*Williams v. Children’s Hospital*, August 1995)
2. The largest Washington wrongful death verdict at that time for a retired, senior citizen
(*Lingen v. John Doe Pharmacy*, April 2000 -- \$1,900,000)
3. One of the highest personal injury damages awards in this state
(*Ashraf v. City of Seattle*, July 2001 -- \$13 million)
4. The largest verdict for a brachial plexus injury in the state
(*Hansen v. Group Health*, November 2003 -- \$2.58 million)
5. What is believed to be the highest medical negligence jury verdict in the state
(*Lafferty v. Stevens Hospital, Sim, Horiuchi*, April 2005 -- \$17.1 million)
6. Wrongful death verdict.
(*Gonzales v. Valley Electric*, 2008 -- \$8 million)
7. Personal injury verdict for a Seattle firefighter.
(*Jones v. City of Seattle*, 2009 -- \$12.5 million)
8. Wrongful birth/wrongful life verdict (highest personal injury award in State of WA)
(*Wuth v. LabCorp, Valley Medical Center, et al.* -- \$50 million)