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## LAURA VAILLANCOURT



Laura began her private practice in 2012 after working several years in hospital, skilled nursing facility and dementia unit settings. She has extensive experience as a consultant, coach and providing counseling and care management to families that are in the midst of making difficult decisions related to their loved one's care and health transitions. her passion and much of her experience has been working with individuals and family members that have been affected by Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia.

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## MEREDITH GRIGG



Meredith Grigg is an attorney with the Northwest Justice Project in Seattle. Her practice focuses on housing and healthcare for older adults. She is also a member of the Washington State Dementia Action Collaborative and helped author the Dementia Legal Planning Toolkit to support early legal planning for people with dementia.

### **Meredith Grigg**

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### **Education**

American University, Washington College of Law  
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### **Licenses & Certifications**

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## **BRYANA CROSS BEAN**



Attorney Bryana Cross Bean's primary practice areas are estate planning, long-term care planning, elder law, and probate. She also does small business formation, and real estate contracts. She has been a practicing attorney in Washington since 2013 and has had her own practice since 2014. She centers her practice around helping clients plan for the future by anticipating problems before they occur. Bryana currently lives in Bonney Lake with her husband, son, and pets. She enjoys gardening, hiking, and chasing her toddler son around.

### **Education**

Licensed attorney in Washington State  
Law degree from Seattle University

### **Professional Memberships**

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## Marysusan Iotte



Marysusan Iotte has more than 27 years of experience as an Executive Director for Assisted Living and Memory Care in Pierce County. After a member of her family was diagnosed with Alzheimer's five years ago, Marysusan embarked on a journey to learn as much as possible about dementia. She has since completed the Teepa Snow Dementia Training Certification Program and started her own training company. She is also a DSHS-certified Community Trainer for Mental Health, Dementia and Traumatic Brain Injuries.

Marysusan lives in Puyallup with her husband, Cliff. She enjoys entertaining, wine tasting and camping on weekends.

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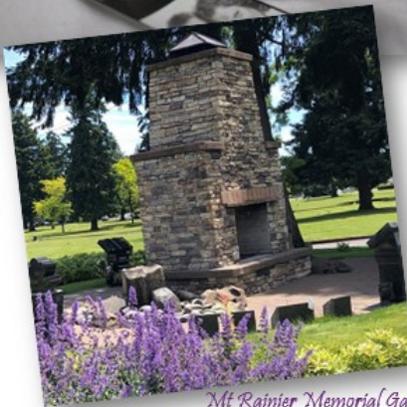
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