



Advocate Janet Varon

Founder and Executive Director,
Northwest Health Law Advocates

"My father was a dentist who would see anybody - payment was secondary. My parents both inculcated the values of serving the community and repairing the world. Many of my friends and peers had similar values. In the Jewish community I grew up in, Jewish values were integrated into daily life."



Her wedding to husband; marching for health care access; speaking in support of Planned Parenthood.

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A New York native, Janet Varon grew up in the Bronx before attending Harvard as both an undergraduate and a law student. Finishing law school in 1983, she accepted a job at Seattle's Evergreen Legal Services, where she primarily represented clients who had lost their health coverage and other public benefits. After 13 years at Evergreen, she founded Northwest Health Law Advocates and has served as its executive director for nearly two decades. She also coordinates the statewide legal advocates' Medical Assistance Work Group; serves on the Healthy Washington Coalition Steering Committee; and is a member of the boards of the National Health Law Program and the Washington Medical-Legal Partnership. She previously chaired the state's Medical Assistance Advisory Committee, and served on the Governor's Certificate of Need Task Force and on the Low-Income Populations Advisory Group to the Joint Select Committee on Health Care Reform Implementation.

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