

A Special Thank You from BFOA:

Benton Franklin Orthopedics would like to thank the Washington State Orthopedic Association membership, as well as the AAOS, the WSMA and the AMA for its assistance. We at BFOA greatly appreciate all of those who have contributed generously and worked with us towards the defense of our right to employ physical therapists. We are aggressively fighting this ridiculous lawsuit that Richard Wright and Columbia Physical Therapy have brought against us, we hope to preserve not only physician owned physical therapy, but also the right for doctors in general to employ dissimilar licensed professionals.

It is hard to state in words what it feels like to be named in this kind of a lawsuit. But as many of you who have been through a medical malpractice lawsuit know, the impact goes far beyond financial repercussions. As a small group of orthopedic surgeons in Eastern Washington, we were all of a sudden immersed in a conflict with a goliath physical therapy company (comprising multiple offices, totaling over a dozen across the state) with the right to employ physical therapists at stake, not just for us, but for the physicians across the state. It is hard to express how we felt to find out that we were not alone in this fight. In fact, the WSOA, the AAOS and members across the state and country were willing to help in this battle to preserve our own rights. For that, we would like to say thank you to all and also, congratulations for stepping up to the plate, and doing something for all physicians to preserve the rights of physicians.

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