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## Parker, Smith & Feek Now Among the Largest 100 Insurance Brokerage Firms in the United States

Parker, Smith & Feek, a full service insurance broker based in Bellevue, Washington, began as a sole proprietorship in 1937 and has grown to become one of the 100 largest insurance brokerage firms in the United States.

Charles Parker, the original founder, started his insurance career at the General Insurance Company of America (now Safeco). In 1938, he invited his former Safeco colleague, Graham Smith, to join him and their independent insurance agency Parker & Smith. Together, they helped many regional businesses and industries grow and prosper, fueling the Northwest into an important trade area and Seattle into a major city. Edward Feek, a surety bond specialist, joined the firm in 1955 and the three principals incorporated under the current name.

Today Parker, Smith & Feek employs 169 staff members. Employees are recruited for their

technical expertise, desire to work in a team environment and their strength in communicating knowledge to clients. Each employee is paid a salary and there are no commission based salespeople. Offices are located in Bellevue, Washington and in Anchorage, Alaska.

The guiding purpose of the organization is to provide professional, state-of-the-art services with a commitment to developing a thorough understanding of a client's objectives, nature of business, exposure to risk and to communicate available alternatives in this continuously changing insurance marketplace.

Clients of the company's Health Care Practice Group include hospitals, long term care and assisted living facilities, physician groups, clinics, surgery centers and other health care related organizations. Possible alternatives are explored for protecting the financial assets of health care providers as well as

managing the risk to prevent injury and loss of property to patients, caregivers and practitioners.

While professional liability is a particular specialty of the firm, assistance is also offered to explore the potential of alternative risk financing such as self-insurance, risk retention groups and captives. Arranging coverage in other business areas is provided as well, including property, business interruption, general liability, workers compensation, automobile, employment practices, employee benefits and D & O liability. Several additional services are also provided by the Health Care Practice Group including clinical risk management consulting and claims reporting and advocacy.

To learn more about Parker, Smith & Feek contact Jim Chesemore, Practice Group Leader, by phone at 1-800-457-0220 or by email at [jrchesemore@psfinc.com](mailto:jrchesemore@psfinc.com).



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### Company Snapshot

Description	Company information
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