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### BACKGROUND:

Creativity is the hallmark of my practice. Throughout my career I have measured my value as an attorney on my ability to think outside of the box and find ways of achieving results that other attorneys would not have considered. The vast majority of the results that I have achieved in this regard have come by finding ways to use insurance to resolve problems. In my experience, clients do not want more litigation or lawsuits; they want answers to their questions and resolutions to their problems. Perhaps more importantly, they want those things delivered as efficiently and swiftly as possible.

I also use my understanding of insurance to maximize recovery for plaintiffs in a variety of settings, with a particular emphasis on working with condominium associations. Given that the vast majority of construction defect lawsuits are settled with insurance money, understanding the inner workings of insurers and what makes them tick is critical to getting the best possible results. This process demands dynamic game plans and does not always require formal litigation. I pride myself on being able to achieve results without expensive and protracted litigation being a foregone conclusion.

As indicated by successes in this practice, my unique and adaptive strategies demonstrate that solid litigation skills, matched with insurance coverage know-how, prove a vital and rarely found resource.

### RESULTS:

In my practice I have worked on all sides of the litigation table. I have successfully extricated defendants of all sorts from millions of dollars in potential exposure through the use of insurance coverage principles. I have worked with plaintiffs in a variety of settings to recover millions of dollars they needed to be made whole. I have also battled more than a few insurers on behalf of first-party policyholders to maximize recovery in relation to events ranging from catastrophic fires to ruinous water losses. My experience in working on both sides of the aisle gives me a unique perspective on how lawsuits should be run and what leads to a successful result.



### PRACTICE AREAS:

Insurance Coverage  
First-party Insurance Claims  
Bad Faith  
Community Association  
Construction Defect

### EDUCATION AND HONORS:

University of Washington School of Law  
(J.D., 2004)

- 1L Best Speaker Award
- Order of the Barristers
- Moot Court Honor Board
- Phillip C. Jessup International Law Competition

Washington State University (B.A.,  
2000)

2017 Outstanding Plaintiff's Trial Lawyer,  
Washington Defense Trial Lawyers

Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*,  
2015 - 2020

Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine*,  
2011 - 2014

Rising Star, *Washington Law & Politics*,  
2010

### COURT ADMISSIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS:

Washington State Bar Association  
Oregon Bar Association  
Associated General Contractors of  
Washington