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Law Practice

Brandon is a litigator whose practice is focused on civil defense in the areas of transportation, product liability, and professional negligence. He has a special interest in resolving cases using creative legal reasoning and motion practice, which often leads to significant savings for clients in both legal fees and settlement dollars. Brandon has defended railroads, trucking companies, product manufacturers and resellers, small businesses, and individuals, primarily in general property damage, personal injury and wrongful death lawsuits. He has also handled real estate, land use, probate litigation, and contract disputes.

Representative Cases

- Obtained summary judgment on the basis of judicial estoppel on behalf of client cleaning company in a \$2.75 million slip-and-fall lawsuit;
- Obtained summary judgment on the basis of statute of limitations on behalf of client lawyer in a \$300,000 legal malpractice lawsuit;

INDUSTRIES

Construction

Hospitality

Insurance

Manufacturing

Professional Services

Railroad

Real Estate

Trucking and Motor Carrier

PRACTICE AREAS

Construction Services & Litigation

Coverage Opinions & Litigation

Employment Litigation

- Obtained a highly favorable cost-of-defense settlement in a \$1.5 million workplace injury case following the filing of a summary judgment motion;
- Obtained a highly favorable cost-of-defense settlement on behalf of client cleaning company in a \$430,000 slip-and fall lawsuit;
- Developed legal theory that led to obtaining summary judgment on behalf of client pesticide operator in a \$1.2 million wrongful death lawsuit, which led to a favorable settlement on appeal.

Personal Injury & Property
Damage Liability

Product Liability

Professional Liability

Education & Bar Admissions

Brandon received his bachelor's degree in psychology from George Fox University. He earned a law degree from Lewis & Clark Law School, graduating summa cum laude in 2018. While attending law school Brandon served as the Editor in Chief of the Lewis & Clark Law Review.

Brandon is a member of the Oregon State Bar, the Washington State Bar, the United States District Court for the District of Oregon, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Professional

Brandon is a member of the Oregon and Washington State Bars. He is a member of the Multnomah Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the Oregon Association of Defense Counsel.

Civic

Brandon is the chair of the MBA Professionalism Committee and a member of the board of directors of SMART Reading's Lawyers for Literacy Campaign. He has been a volunteer for Hands On Greater Portland. Brandon also supports the Campaign for Equal Justice, and Planned Parenthood.

Personal

Prior to entering law, Brandon spent several years in the real estate industry as a real estate appraiser and a mortgage servicer and portfolio manager. He made the transition to law as an evening student

at Lewis & Clark, while continuing to work full time - including, during his final year, as a law clerk at Cosgrave.

In his occasional free time, Brandon enjoys exercising, playing music, reading fiction and non-fiction, and spending time with his partner Christa, as well as attending concerts or sporting events with his son Nathan.

Presentations

“Excellence in the Workplace”

Panel participant, OLIO (Opportunities for Law in Oregon) Employment Retreat, 2017

Publications

Editor’s Note, 21 Lewis & Clark Law Review, 2017

Awards

“Oregon Rising Star,” Super Lawyers magazine (2023, 2024)

Recognition

- Cornelius Honor Society, Lewis & Clark Law School. Selected by faculty based on distinguished scholarship, leadership, and contribution to the law community.
- Evening Student Award, Lewis & Clark Law School. Honoring the graduating student with the highest academic performance.