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Practice Areas

Litigation  
Probate  
Real Estate

## Background

John's practice is almost exclusively in the context of business and commercial disputes, with particular emphasis on litigating limited liability company, corporate and partnership disputes; state and federal securities claims; construction contract and lien enforcement actions; and probate and trust matters, in Oregon and Washington. He has tried dozens of cases to verdict and litigated hundreds of cases through arbitration, summary determination, or other successful adjudication.

With a family background in business ownership, John possesses unique insight into his clients' personal investment in and commitment to running successful businesses. Consequently, he prides himself on keeping his clients' ultimate goals in mind and seeking the most cost-effective solution at every stage of litigation.

## Representative Engagements

**Securities Litigation.** Lead trial counsel for developer client in defense of numerous lawsuits regarding securities offerings in connection with residential and commercial developments in multiple western states. John successfully resolved one matter through summary disposition, based on a novel finding by the state trial court that the LLC interests involved were not securities under Oregon law. John resolved another matter in the client's favor through negotiated resolution after three weeks of a jury trial.

**Schertzinger, et al. vs. BGJJ, LLC, et al.** Representation of LLC members in multi-million dollar action brought by an expelled member for claims related to the member's expulsion as well as professional services allegedly rendered to the LLC. John arbitrated the claims in front of a three-arbitrator panel, who ruled

unanimously in favor of John's clients, including on the members' various counterclaims.

**Community Financial Corporation v. Casa Terra, LLC, etc., et al.** Representation of guarantors of loan against bank in action to foreclose and enforce personal guarantees. John successfully negotiated a settlement for his clients.

**Crisman v. Nelco Services, Inc.** Representation of corporation in a negligence action. John successfully resolved the claim with a motion to dismiss.

**Philips v. Philmar Int'l, Inc.** Successful representation of one of the shareholders in a bench trial seeking corporate dissolution.

**New General, LLC, et al. v. Breck, et al.** Representation of a general partner and limited partnership in the recovery of embezzled funds of approximately \$1,000,000, which the defendants had transferred offshore. In conjunction with securing a summary judgment award for liability, John also secured an order requiring the defendants to deposit all of the money with the court. When the defendants failed to do so, they were incarcerated for contempt of court, resulting in the prompt resolution of the case.

**Boring Golf Course Investors, Inc. v. Building Structures, Inc.** Representation of the defendant general contractor in a construction and contract dispute relative to the construction of a golf course club house for alleged construction defects and breach of contract. After a two week trial, the jury returned a defense verdict in approximately 50 minutes, awarding John's client its costs and attorney fees.

**Fletcher, et. al. v. Bonaventure Properties, Inc.** Representation of the defendant purchaser under a contract to purchase real estate in defense of a foreclosure action by seller. The trial court ruled that the seller could not foreclose based upon seller's own failure to require strict performance of the contract.

**Dycon Corporation v. Adair, et al.** Representation of a landowner developer against lien and contract claims brought by a general contractor seeking recovery under a construction lien. On motion for summary judgment, the court ruled in favor of John's client and against the general contractor based upon the general contractor's failure to be properly licensed, awarding John's client his attorney fees.

**Lifestyles, Senior Housing Managers, LLC v. Villa Del Rey-Seaside, Inc., et al.** Representation of the claimant in this private arbitration of a claim for breach of contract by the owner of a senior care facility, securing an award, including attorney fees of approximately \$500,000 for wrongful termination of a management contract.

## Articles & Speaking Engagements

When Customer Service Hits An All-Time Low: A Primer For Commercial Litigators Seeking Maintenance and/or Recovery of Their Client's Intellectual Property Rights – Co-author. Oregon State Bar Litigation Journal, Vol.24, No. 1.

## Education

Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School, J.D.  
Utah State University, B.A., *cum laude*

## Admissions

John is admitted to practice in the state courts of Oregon and Washington, in the Federal District Courts of Oregon and Western Washington, and the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. Additionally, he has appeared pro hac vice (special admission) in state and federal courts across the country.

## Memberships

American Bar Association  
Oregon Super Lawyers™ 2012  
Washington State Bar Association  
Oregon State Bar Association  
Multnomah Bar Association  
AV®, Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell