

WASHINGTON

Local litigation firms

Highly recommended

Byrnes Keller Cromwell

Corr Cronin Michelson Baumgardner & Preece

Danielson Harrigan Leyh & Tollofson

Gordon Tilden Thomas & Cordell

Lane Powell

Perkins Coie

Summit Law Group

Recommended

Davis Wright Tremaine

K&L Gates

McNaul Ebel Nawrot & Helgren

Savitt Bruce & Wiley

Stoel Rives

Local litigation stars

David Bateman

K&L Gates
Intellectual Property

Stanton Beck

Lane Powell
Construction Law

Kevin Baumgardner

Corr Cronin Michelson Baumgardner & Preece
Commercial Litigation, Employment, Personal Injury,
Products Liability

David Burman

Perkins Coie
Antitrust, Class Actions, Appellate, Intellectual
Property

Kelly Corr

Corr Cronin Michelson Baumgardner & Preece
Commercial Litigation, Class Actions, Employment,
Intellectual Property, Products Liability

William Cronin

Corr Cronin Michelson Baumgardner & Preece
Business Litigation

Barbara Duffy

Lane Powell
Commercial Litigation

Rudy Englund

Lane Powell
Class Actions, Employment, Securities

Leonard Feldman

Stoel Rives
Commercial Litigation

Parker Folsie III

Susman Godfrey
Commercial Litigation

David Goodnight

Stoel Rives
Commercial Litigation, Telecommunications,
Securities

Charles Gordon

Gordon Tilden Thomas & Cordell
Civil Litigation

Arthur Harrigan Jr.

Danielson Harrigan Leyh & Tollofson
Commercial Litigation

Bradley Keller

Byrnes Keller Cromwell
Commercial Litigation

David Lenci

K&L Gates
Civil Litigation, Commercial Litigation

Patrick Madden

K&L Gates
Labor and Employment Litigation

Gail E Mautner

Lane Powell
Labor and Employment Litigation

Philip McCune

Summit Law Group
Commercial Litigation

David McDonald

K&L Gates
Intellectual Property

Jerry McNaul

McNaul Ebel Nawrot & Helgren
Commercial Litigation, Construction Litigation,
Employment

Ralph Palumbo

Summit Law Group
Commercial Litigation, Environmental Litigation

Steven Rummage

Davis Wright Tremaine
Appellate, Class Actions, Securities

Harry Schneider Jr

Perkins Coie
Commercial Litigation, Intellectual Property,
Professional Liability

William "Randy" Squires III

Corr Cronin Michelson Baumgardner & Preece
Commercial Litigation, Construction Litigation

Robert Sulkin

McNaul Ebel Nawrot & Helgren
Commercial Litigation, Environmental, Securities

Suzanne Thomas

K&L Gates
Employment Litigation

Jeffrey Tilden

Gordon Tilden Thomas & Cordell
Insurance, Products Liability, Personal Injury

Peter Vial

McNaul Ebel Nawrot & Helgren
Civil Litigation



Future stars

Denise Ashbaugh
Summit Law Group

Steven Jensen
Lane Powell

Brenda Molner
Ater Wynne

Gwendolyn Payton
Lane Powell

Vanessa Soriano Power
Stoel Rives



Washington

With a state and regional economy focused on growth, Seattle law firms are benefiting from their key position in the Pacific Northwest, with most firms handling client interests from Alaska to California and well beyond. The legal market remains competitive, with litigation boutiques and national firms striving to provide top-quality services for cost-conscious public and private companies with diverse needs, in areas including antitrust, securities, intellectual property, environmental, natural resources and land use. Both large and small firms are also seeing steady plaintiffs and defendants work related to consumer-related class actions and products liability lawsuits along with employee claims and wage and hour disputes.

Highly recommended firms

Byrnes Keller Cromwell

Focused exclusively on litigation, the 10-lawyer Seattle boutique of Byrnes Keller Cromwell consistently ranks as a leader in the Pacific Northwest legal market. Despite its compact size, the firm has assembled an expert trial team that handles high-stakes cases involving complex business disputes, antitrust, securities, professional liability, intellectual property, insurance, products liability, personal injury, and white-collar matters. With the firm's involvement in widely publicized matters such as the state's battle between Medicaid and the tobacco industry and oil spills like the Exxon Valdez, competitors roundly agree on the firm's status stating, "It's no surprise Byrnes Keller is in the highly recommended group, they are top tier, and Bradley Keller is an excellent lawyer."

A founding partner of the firm, Keller is an esteemed Washington trial lawyer, representing both plaintiffs and defendants in antitrust, class actions, products liability, securities fraud, and white-collar investigations, and, as one peer remarks, "He is one of the best litigators we have here." A former attorney with the Department of Justice's Antitrust division and the former chair of the Washington State Bar section on consumer protection and antitrust law, partner Paul Taylor is known as a formidable trial lawyer who navigates multimillion-dollar cases involving professional liability defense, commercial disputes, securities, antitrust and employment matters.

Corr Cronin Michelson Baumgardner & Preece

Formed over a decade ago by departing partners from Bogle & Gates, which was Washington's oldest and largest law firm until its dissolution in 1999, the Seattle firm of Corr Cronin Michelson Baumgardner & Preece quickly built a premier reputation throughout the Pacific Northwest region and Alaska. Clients include regional business and major US corporations including Alaska Airlines, Applied Materials, Hearst Corporation, and Microsoft. Specializing in complex commercial

litigation, class action defense, insurance, products liability, professional liability, securities defense, employment and entertainment law, the 20-attorney Corr Cronin team is uniformly respected among competitors, with one summing up the firm by saying, "They are very, very aggressive. They get our attention when we are opposing counsel."

Co-founder Kelly Corr is a revered Washington trial lawyer who is highly sought after for his broad litigation expertise, and has been consistently recognized by peers as one of the state's most respected lawyers. Also a founding partner, William Cronin is a distinguished trial attorney who specializes in big-ticket business litigation, representing both plaintiffs and defendants with a focus on professional liability and securities fraud. Cronin's cases include the representation of Exxon in a billion-dollar tax dispute with the State of Alaska along with significant contract disputes on behalf of Amazon.com and AT&T Wireless. William "Randy" Squires is a widely accomplished trial lawyer, a former chair of Davis Wright Tremaine's litigation group and former CEO Summit Law Group, who is deeply entrenched in the region's legal market and is considered an expert in employment, toxic torts, securities fraud, and construction law.

Danielson Harrigan Leyh & Tollofson

Since its founding in Seattle in 1986, the boutique firm of Danielson Harrigan Leyh & Tollofson has assembled a first-rate litigation team consisting of 14 lawyers who represent both plaintiffs and defendants, with a focus on antitrust, construction law, environmental law, insurance coverage disputes, intellectual property, products liability, real estate, and eminent domain along with maritime- and aviation-related matters. Competitors consistently point out the firm's highly regarded presence, with one remarking, "I have great respect for them as a firm."

Founding partner Arthur Harrigan, Jr is a prominent Washington trial lawyer with an extensive background in the region's legal arena. Harrigan specializes in high-risk commercial litigation, and has worked on

widely publicized cases on behalf of clients ranging from King County and the FDIC to the Port of Seattle, while also guiding technology giants such as Intelius and Nextel through the legal hurdles of their startup beginnings.

Gordon Tilden Thomas & Cordell

The Seattle litigation boutique of Gordon Tilden Thomas & Cordell was founded in 1996 by former partners of the Perkins Coie and Covington & Burling firms. Since that time, the firm has carved out an impressive reputation throughout the region, counting corporate giants like Boeing, GlaxoSmithKline, Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railway, T-Mobile and Washington Mutual as clients. The 12-lawyer team is dedicated solely to litigation services including business and contract disputes, insurance, professional liability, products liability, intellectual property and personal injury litigation on behalf of plaintiffs and defendants.

Co-founder Jeffrey Tilden is a leading Seattle trial lawyer and a past chair of the Washington state committee of the American College of Trial lawyers, who specializes in personal injury, products liability, insurance coverage and real estate matters. Co-founder Charles Gordon is also a distinguished Washington trial lawyer, with over 30 years of practice at the state and federal level and who is recognized statewide as an expert in civil litigation.

Lane Powell

Headquartered in Seattle, the firm of Lane Powell continues to deepen its already sizable Northwest footprint, with over 200 attorneys practicing across three locations in Washington along with Alaska, Oregon and London. The firm has 75 dedicated litigators in Seattle, many of which have first-chair trial experience, and the firm is recognized for its strengths in commercial litigation matters related to tort disputes, construction law, employment law, environmental, products liability, intellectual property, bankruptcy, real estate and corporate matters. Peers point out that "Lane Powell has some very good lawyers with great practices." As chair of the firm's litigation group, Barbara Duffy is praised for her expertise in complex commercial cases along with regulatory, health care and class-action litigation. As chair of Lane Powell's labor and employment practice, Gail Mautner is considered an expert on state and federal employment laws, wage and hour disputes, noncompetition, discrimination and termination matters, and as one peer summarizes, "Gail is a very skilled attorney and should definitely be recommended here."

Partner Stanton Beck is sought out for his leading construction practice, where he regularly advises on significant commercial projects in the region. Rudy Englund is widely recognized for his strength in class-action defense related to securities, employment and banking matters. The Lane team led by Englund is currently representing Wal-Mart in

four significant wage and hour class actions in Alaska, California and Oregon, along with consumer class allegations involving gift card and consumer protection law. The firm was recently successful in its defense of Wells Fargo in a putative class action claiming that the discounted builder rate approved by Wells Fargo Escrow for the builder/seller of the plaintiffs' condominium represented an illegal kickback in violation of RESPA.

Perkins Coie

With its national headquarters in Seattle, Perkins Coie is a leading litigation presence the western US, with 750 lawyers across 18 offices in the US and overseas. The firm is considered a go-to firm in Washington for both regional and national corporate clients, with one Seattle competitor remarking, "They are really solid, they have a deep bench, and I have high respect for them." Standout talent includes **David Burman**, a prominent Seattle litigator with over 30 years of experience trying cases at the trial and appellate levels involving high-stakes antitrust, class actions, constitutional law, products liability, and intellectual property matters for both plaintiffs and defendants. Burman's clients have included Costco, Albertson's, Glacial Water, Cingular Wireless and the Seattle Mariners.

Partner **Harry Schneider, Jr** is a distinguished litigator, praised for his expertise in general commercial disputes, intellectual property and professional liability matters, and clients have included leading electronic game developers as such as Electronic Arts and Nintendo. As a former Deputy Attorney General and chief of antitrust, consumer protection and criminal law enforcement in the Washington State Attorney General's office, **Thomas Boeder** is praised throughout the state for his work in class actions, consumer products liability and consumer protection litigation and intellectual property matters along with his significant merger and acquisitions practice. Boeder's clients include Boeing, Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding Systems and Starbucks

Summit Law Group

The Seattle-based boutique Summit Law Group is known for its innovative practice model, which calls for a roster of only partners and of-counsel members, on the belief that clients will be better served strategically and economically by having cases handled by experienced, shareholder attorneys versus the more customary mix of both associates and partners. The firm services a local, regional and national client base, handling commercial litigation, employment and labor disputes, securities, environmental issues and real estate as well as corporate and tax matters. Summit's client list includes Exxon, BP, Bank of America, Fed Ex, Trident Seafoods, Motorola, AT&T and Chubb, along with several government municipalities and universities.

Leading talent at the firm includes **Philip McCune**, who is praised for his work in high-stakes business disputes, antitrust and trade

secret litigation, construction law, products liability and toxic tort litigation. McCune, along with partner Lynn Engel, is currently acting as counsel to Motorola in Washington against patent claims by Microsoft regarding Motorola's Android operating system. The case is part of Microsoft's massive battle with Google over the Android operating system and billions of dollars in royalty and infringement claims. Partner **Ralph Palumbo** is recognized statewide for his broad commercial litigation expertise, having acted as lead trial counsel for investors in litigation involving the valuation of the multibillion-dollar Trans-Alaska Pipeline System and successfully defended one of Alaska's largest seafood processors in billion-dollar antitrust claims against that industry. In a local win, Summit partners Otto Klein and John Chun represented a city against a police officer seeking a seven-figure damage award for alleged wrongful termination claims. The team obtained the dismissal of all claims and an award of costs.

Recommended firms

Davis Wright Tremaine

Founded in 1908, the firm of Davis Wright Tremaine is headquartered in Seattle and is home to over 500 attorneys in nine offices including Oregon, California, Alaska, Washington DC and Shanghai. In Washington, the firm has an additional office in Bellevue and is recognized for its strengths in several practice areas including commercial litigation, intellectual property, labor and employment, environmental, bankruptcy, real estate and land use and corporate matters. Top talent at the firm includes prominent Seattle litigator **Stephen Rummage**, who is praised for his expertise in securities litigation, commercial disputes and appellate matters and cases include the defense of former Washington Mutual executives in a consolidated action in alleging breach of fiduciary duty and various ERISA claims.

K&L Gates

Despite its Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania headquarters, the international firm of K&L Gates has built a significant presence in the Pacific Northwest, with its Seattle office roots dating back to 1883 and a well established practice in Anchorage, Alaska. Today, the firm has almost 2,000 attorneys practicing in 37 offices across the US, Europe and Asia. Backed by this extensive resources pool, the firm's Washington team is noted particularly for its skills in intellectual property, employment, securities and commercial litigation. Although the Seattle office has seen some departures, standout talent includes **David Lenci**, who specializes in antitrust, trademark and copyright infringement and securities fraud and **Suzanne Thomas**, who is praised statewide for her labor and employment practice and whom peers refer to as an "excellent attorney." **Patrick Madden** is also recognized for his labor and employment

practice with a focus on wage and hour disputes on behalf of employers and major employee class-action litigation.

McNaul Ebert Nawrot & Helgren

Since its founding in 1995, the Seattle firm of McNaul Ebert Nawrot & Helgren has carved out a widely respected position in Washington's legal market. Co-founder **Jerry McNaul** is a highly admired senior litigator who has received numerous peer distinctions for his considerable antitrust, construction law, environmental law, and labor and employment expertise. Partner **Robert Sulkin** is uniformly praised by peers as "an exceptional attorney" for his extensive background in environmental law, professional malpractice, real estate, and securities fraud. **Peter Vial** is noted for his civil litigation practice with a focus on antitrust and securities fraud matters.

Savitt Bruce & Wiley

The litigation boutique of Savitt Bruce & Willey has carved out a distinct name for itself in Seattle with its highly trained 10-lawyer trial group specializing in a range of matters including intellectual property, professional liability, securities fraud, and derivative shareholder lawsuits. Peers consider the group a go-to firm for high-stakes litigation, with one local litigator summarizing the firm's courtroom abilities with, "Savitt Bruce is a great firm and I have a lot of respect for them." As a former Assistant City Attorney for Seattle in the civil division and a former Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for King County, co-founder **David Bruce** is a respected litigator in the community and is recommended for his deep trial and appellate background.

Stoel Rives

Headquartered in nearby Portland, Oregon, the firm of Stoel Rives continues to expand on its already significant western US platform with 400 attorneys across 11 offices including Seattle and Vancouver along with Alaska, Utah and Idaho. Competitors have taken note, stating, "They are increasing their profile here, they are a very good firm with skilled lawyers who know what they are doing." The team is recognized for commercial litigation, environmental and natural resources, intellectual property, white collar, labor, employment and real estate matters. Leading litigation talent out of Washington includes **David Goodnight**, a prominent trial attorney who specializes in commercial disputes, product liability, civil rights, and securities law with clients that include Amazon.com, International Paper, Qwest Corporation and Weyerhaeuser. Partner **Leonard Feldman** is an accomplished trial and appellate attorney with a broad expertise in antitrust, class actions, intellectual property, construction law, securities litigation, environmental and civil rights matters.



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FIRM OVERVIEW

Lane Powell, *Your Pacific Northwest Law Firm(r)*, provides legal solutions for businesses and individuals. The Firm's business, employment and litigation attorneys help companies achieve success and capitalize on creativity. Founded more than 135 years ago, the Firm has more than 200 attorneys in five offices in the Pacific Northwest, as well as an office in London, England.

The breadth of experience available at Lane Powell allows the Firm to provide the best service possible, satisfying the specific and unique needs of each individual client. Many of our attorneys are nationally recognized leaders in their fields and are thoroughly versed in our clients' industries, as well as the scope of legal issues they are facing.

Many *Fortune* 500 companies have named Lane Powell as one of the prestigious "Go-To Law Firms of Top U.S. Companies(r)." Lane Powell was also ranked second among the top 10 law firms in the nation with the busiest securities practices, as published in the *Law360 Litigation Almanac*. In addition, in its most recent "Best Law Firms" survey, *U.S. News – Best Lawyers(r)* have listed Lane Powell as one of the best law firms in the United States.

LITIGATION OVERVIEW

The Firm represents clients in all aspects of commercial litigation, including trials and appeals in all state and federal courts; federal, state and self-regulatory administrative proceedings; and arbitrations and mediations. Lane Powell's broad range of experience in litigation matters includes: complex litigation (including class actions); securities; commercial disputes; ERISA litigation, virtually every type of litigation involving financial institutions; intellectual property; bankruptcy and creditors' rights; antitrust; health care; intellectual property and technology; appellate; insurance; products liability; real estate and environmental; trusts and estates; and architects, engineers and construction.

We stress a team approach to address and resolve each client's litigation problems by drawing on the knowledge of the attorneys best qualified to handle a client's unique needs. Our attorneys also handle emergency situations such as temporary restraining orders, preliminary injunctions, cease and desist orders, emergency appeals and other provisional remedies. In addition, it is vital after a hard-fought trial that representation at the next level of litigation be provided by experienced appellate attorneys who understand appellate litigation and all of its facets. The experience of the Firm's appellate attorneys is reflected by their involvement in significant cases that have shaped the development of law in state and federal courts.

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