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Local litigation firms

Highly recommended

Greener Burke & Shoemaker

Jones & Swartz

Recommended

Hepworth Janis & Kluksdal

Pedersen and Whitehead

Talboy Simmons

Local litigation stars

Grant Burgoyne

Mauk & Burgoyne
Commercial Litigation, Employment/Labor

John DeFranco

Ellsworth Kallas & DeFranco
Civil Litigation

John Edwards

Holzer Edwards
Civil Litigation

Joseph Ellsworth

Ellsworth Kallas & DeFranco
Civil Litigation, Medical Malpractice, Personal Injury

Brent Gordon

Brent Gordon Law
Civil Litigation, Personal Injury

J Charles Hepworth

Hepworth Janis & Kluksdal
Civil Litigation

John Janis

Hepworth Janis & Kluksdal
Civil Litigation

Sam Johnson

Johnson & Monteleone
Civil Litigation

Bruce Jones

Jones & Swartz
Civil Litigation

Rick Kallas

Ellsworth Kallas & DeFranco
Civil Litigation

John Kluksdal

Hepworth Janis & Kluksdal
Civil Litigation

William Mauk

Mauk & Burgoyne
Commercial Litigation, Employment/Labor, Personal Injury

Erin O'Toole

Bernstein Cushner & Kimmel
Commercial Litigation

Kenneth Pedersen

Pedersen and Whitehead
Civil Litigation, Personal Injury

Jon Simmons

Talboy Simmons
Civil Litigation

Eric Swartz

Jones & Swartz
Civil Litigation

Robert Talboy

Talboy Simmons
Commercial Litigation

Jarom Whitehead

Pedersen and Whitehead
Personal Injury, Professional Malpractice



Idaho

Idaho has been relatively shielded from the dip in the economy that ravaged the country in major litigation industries. The courts continue to see a steady stream of personal injury, products liability and medical malpractice claims that proceed judiciously.

Highly recommended firms

Greener Burke & Shoemaker

Greener Burke & Shoemaker has a revered litigation practice that represents plaintiffs and defendants. The eight lawyers at Greener Burke & Shoemaker are well credentialed and litigate by the credo that “Our reputation rides on our record.” The record they reference is considered by their peers to warrant several accolades. The litigators represent clients in state and federal forums as well as before various local, state and federal agencies. The firm’s civil litigation practice on the plaintiff side involves personal injury, medical malpractice, products liability, breach of contract disputes, employment and labor issues as well as business-to-business claims.

Jones & Swartz

Jones & Swartz has recovered over \$65 million on behalf of its individual and institution clients. The firm believes that conducting defense work in addition to its hearty plaintiffs practice gives it an advantage over other firms. The litigators at Jones & Swartz are fearless in pursuit of redress for their clients. Instead of seeking financial compensation alone, the firm looks at the

case and the needs of their client, and crafts a resolution that caters to the uniqueness of each client’s situation. This means, sometimes, the firm fights for a public apology.

Notable successes in a \$27 million settlement for a class action involving an unconstitutional tax statute; a financial award and a public, written apology signed by defendant members of an Idaho county of commissioners for violating the plaintiffs’ property rights without the benefit of due process; a \$2.5 settlement for the wrongful death of a passenger involved in a trucking accident; recovery of over \$1 million in assets wrongfully withheld from estate beneficiaries; and a favorable verdict for three former employees in a sexual harassment and assault case.

Recommended firms

Hepworth Janis & Kluksdal

This three-man firm was founded in 1952. Hepworth Janis & Kluksdal has had over 50 years to establish a relationship for its trial excellence. The firm represents plaintiff in wrongful death, personal injury, medical malpractice, products liability, brain injury and employment claims. The firm also litigates

claims involving farm accidents. Despite its small size, the firm showcases its ability to obtain successes including a \$7.5 million wrongful death verdict against a hospital; the \$4.1 million settlement of a claim involving the breach of warranty of industrial equipment; and \$3.8 million for a property damage that occurred as a result of a flood.

Pedersen and Whitehead

Based in Twin Falls, Pedersen and Whitehead litigates claims in the areas of wrongful death, personal injury, insurance bad faith, professional malpractice, products liability, mass and toxic torts and vehicular accidents. The firm also has directed expertise in tire defects, faulty design of highway signs, and stray voltage litigation. A recognized insurance bad faith expert, **Kenneth Pedersen** has obtained numerous verdicts in excess of \$1 million. The firm boasts a \$10 million verdict in punitive damages against an insurance company for fraud and the bad faith sale of insurance.

Talboy Simmons

Talboy Simmons is a Boise-based law firm that handles plaintiff and defense litigation in a variety of areas including commercial litigation, shareholder disputes, employment and labor, personal injury, workers’ compensation and medical malpractice. Talboy Simmons is proud of the reputations the partners have demonstrated in their decades of experience representing plaintiffs. The firm endeavors to lock down its ascent by delivering the results of a large firm, with the individualized attention of a small firm. **Robert Talboy** and **Jon Simmons** have deep ties to the community that they leverage to fulfill the needs of their clients.

