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Ron Clark is a trial lawyer with decades of experience defending clients in cases involving insurance coverage litigation and bad faith, product liability, and general tort actions. He represents clients in the Northwest, Utah, and Alaska in state and federal courts. They benefit from his extensive background and courtroom experience because he helps them understand the opportunities and risks of taking a case before a jury and judge.

A majority of Ron's work involves defense of bad faith claim-handling allegations. He has defended some of the largest national insurance carriers in coverage litigation and bad faith matters across the Northwest and in other jurisdictions. In product liability, Ron has defended manufacturers in heavy equipment and chemical industries. His work in product liability is complemented by defense of general tort actions that span several industries.

Professional associations and clients call on Ron to present programs on insurance coverage, trial practice, and defense strategies. In addition to speaking and writing, Ron serves on several committees and boards of both insurance and professional legal associations. He has also served on Bullivant Houser's board of directors.

PRACTICE AREAS

Admiralty & Maritime
Insurance Coverage
Product Liability

EDUCATION

- Northwestern School of Law, Lewis & Clark College – J.D., cum laude, 1987
- Western Oregon State College – B.S., 1983

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Oregon, 1988
- Idaho, 2006
- Washington, 2011

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, District of Oregon
- U.S. District Court, District of Idaho
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- American College of Coverage and Extracontractual Counsel (Fellow, 2016-Present)
- Defense Research Institute (Member, 2018 Finance Committee; Member, Insurance Law Committee, Steering Committee; Co-Chair, Insurance Industry Institute, 2015; Former Member, Board of Directors)
- Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (Member; Chair, Insurance Coverage Section, 2013-2015)
- Multnomah Bar Association (Member)
- National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (Volunteer Attorney)
- Oregon Association of Defense Counsel (Member; Member, Coverage Practice Group; Member, Product Liability Practice Group)
- Oregon State Bar (Member, Litigation Section)
- U.S. Marine Corps Forces Reserve (Reservist, 1980-1984)
- Western Oregon University (Former Chair, Board of Directors, Alumni Association)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Named the Best Lawyers® 2017 Portland-OR Insurance Law “Lawyer of the Year”
- Recipient of the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel’s Appleman Award for his contributions as Chair of the Insurance Coverage Section (2015)
- AV® Preeminent™, Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Selected for inclusion in Oregon Super Lawyers (2006-2022) — Insurance Coverage
- Selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America© (2009-2022 — Commercial Litigation; Insurance Law; Litigation – Insurance; Product Liability Litigation – Defendants)
- Named as a “Local Litigation Star” by Benchmark Litigation (2015-2018 — Insurance; Product Liability)
- Recipient of Law Review Excellence Award from Northwestern School of Law, Lewis & Clark College (1986-1987)

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Co-Speaker, “Trends in Bad Faith Litigation,” Defense Research Institute (DRI) Insurance Bad Faith and Extra-Contractual Liability Seminar (2015)
- Co-Author, “A Case-Specific Inquiry: Whose Agent Are You Anyway?,” Defense Research Institute (DRI), For the Defense (2014)
- Panelist, “Thank God it Wasn’t My Case! Top Ten Craziest Insurance Coverage Decisions,” Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC) Winter Meeting (2014)
- Co-Speaker, “Choosing a Jury,” Oregon Association of Defense Counsel (OADC) Defense Practice Academy (2012 & 2010)
- Co-Speaker, “A Comparative Look at the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010,” Defense Research Institute (DRI) Life, Health, Disability and ERISA Claims Seminar (2012)
- Co-Speaker, “Concussions – Gaining Focus on Sports-Related Head Injuries,” Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC) Annual Meeting (2012)
- Speaker, “Claim Investigation While Litigation Is Pending,” Property & Liability Resource Bureau (PLRB) Claims Conference (2011)
- Speaker, “Insurance and Reinsurance: Health Care Reform – Where Do We Stand?” International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) Annual Meeting (2011)
- Chapter Co-Author, “Insurance Law: The Basics (2011 Ed.),” Oregon State Bar Legal Publications (2011)

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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- Speaker, “Most Often Litigated Builders Risk and Other First Party Issues,” The Seminar Group (2011)
- Speaker & Author, “Mean Streets and Icy Potholes: Pitfalls in Adjusting and Defending the Litigious First-Party Claim,” Defense Research Institute (DRI) Insurance Coverage and Practice Symposium (2011)
- Speaker, “Punitive Damages & Good Faith Strategies for Property Claims,” Property & Liability Resource Bureau (PLRB) Claims Conference (2009 & 2008)
- Speaker & Author, “Examinations Under Oath - Myths and Misconceptions,” Defense Research Institute (DRI) Insurance Coverage and Claims Institute (2008)
- Co-Speaker & Author, “An Ounce of Prevention Is Worth a Pound of Cure—Pre-Litigation Measures to Guard against Bad Faith Claims,” Defense Research Institute (DRI) Insurance Bad Faith Seminar (2007)
- Author, “Enforcing Exclusions and Limitations Before and Policy is Issued,” Defense Research Institute (DRI), Covered Events (2006)
- Author & Co-Speaker, “Avoiding the Minefields—The Ethical Dilemmas Posed by the Attack on the Tripartite Relationship,” Defense Research Institute (DRI) Auto Liability and Coverage Seminar (2005)
- Author, “September 11 and Business Interruption Insurance,” Defense Research Institute (DRI), For the Defense (2002)
- Speaker, “Good Faith as a Matter of Law,” Defense Research Institute (DRI) Seminar (1994)
- Co-Author, “Human Factors Testimony: Does the Jury Really Need It?” Defense Research Institute (DRI), For the Defense (1993)
- Co-Author, “Joint or Several Liability: Allowing the Jury to Consider the Fault of All Tortfeasors,” Oregon Association of Defense Counsel (OADC) Newsletter (1993) Co-Author, “Good Faith as a Matter of Law: The Insurance Company’s Right to Be Wrong,” 27 Tort & Insurance Law Journal, 665 (1992)
- Associate Editor, Environmental Law Review, Northwestern School of Law, Lewis & Clark College (1986-1987)