

Experience

Financial Institutions

Successfully defended dozens of actions brought against leading financial institutions, lenders and loan servicers alleging various claims under the Truth in Lending Act (TILA), the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA), the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), the Garn–St. Germain Depository Institutions Act, state consumer protection statutes, and breach of contract, fraud and other torts

Obtained summary judgment on behalf of multinational financial services company facing a \$64M defamation claim and received concurrent award of attorney's fees, both of which were later affirmed by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

Obtained voluntary dismissal of claim for abuse of vulnerable person and following discovery in connection with claims against national lender and title company

Served as member of defense team and local counsel for multiple national banking institutions facing \$160M lawsuit relating to county government's public property records

Defended multiple claims against national banks brought under Oregon's elder abuse statute

Maritime

Completed vessel arrest of container ship in connection with enforcement of preferred maritime lien

Completed vessel arrest of 210-foot hoverbarge and coordinated with U.S. Marshal Service to conduct sale of vessel via public auction

Defended claims for maritime personal injury arising under the Jones Act and Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA)

Represented consumer products manufacturer in connection with maritime collision involving client's dockside facilities

Other

Obtained summary judgment on behalf of high end retail department store chain in connection with shoplifter's excessive force claim against store security personnel

Resolved premises liability claims on behalf of property owners involving various negligence claims

Represented closely held business owners in contract disputes, shareholder squeeze-out actions and other fiduciary claims

Prosecuted and defended claims for theft of trade secrets, violation of noncompete agreements and unfair competition

Represented builders, architects, subcontractors and tradesmen in various claims including construction defects and contract disputes