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Areas of Practice

John Devlin is the Chair of Lane Powell's Mortgage and Consumer Finance Litigation Industry Team and a member of the Firm's Securities Class Action, and Financial Institutions practice groups. In these positions, John combines his leadership skills as a former U.S. Army Airborne Ranger and West Point graduate with his extensive complex commercial litigation experience to assist clients faced with a myriad of litigation issues. John has tried over 30 bench and jury trials in state and federal court, and arbitrations governed by the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules, the rules of the American Arbitration Association, and in the London Court of International Arbitration. Additionally, John has represented Directors and Officers of financial institutions and corporations during internal investigations and in litigation.

John has a great deal of experience with class action and mass tort cases involving various medical and other products. In representing national and regional financial institutions, John has handled class actions arising under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA), Truth in Lending Act (TILA), Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), and various state consumer protection acts. He has also litigated the claims of lenders nationwide that have lien interests on real property seized by the U.S. Government pursuant to the Supplemental Admiralty Rules of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

In handling litigation involving various clients and opposing parties located in Japan, Portugal, Mexico, Ecuador, Barbados, Nevis & St. Kitts, Brazil, and the United Kingdom, John has developed expertise with various multi-lateral treaties governing international discovery, service of process, and enforcement of arbitral awards, including the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards, the Inter-American Convention on International Commercial Arbitration, the Hague Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extra-judicial Documents, and the Inter-American Convention on Letters Rogatory.

Professional Experience

Trial Lawyer, Associate/Partner, Lane Powell PC (1994-Present)
Defense Counsel, Orleans Parish Indigent Defense, New Orleans, LA. (1993-1994)
Legal Intern, Tulane Legal Aid Program (TULAP), New Orleans, LA. (1991)

Admitted to Practice

Washington
U.S. District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Washington
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
Pro Hac Vice Admissions: Utah, Alaska, Oregon, California, Florida

Academics

Tulane Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 1994)
Managing Editor, *Tulane Law Review*
Moot Court Trial and Appellate Competition Champion (1993 - 1994)
United States Military Academy at West Point (B.S., 1985)

Practice Group and Specialty Team Membership

Chair, Mortgage and Consumer Finance Industry Team
Class Action Defense
Financial Institutions
Litigation
London
Native American Affairs
Securities

Representative Matters

Kauhi v. Countrywide (Wash. Federal Court) – Civil RICO
Capitol West v. Countrywide (Wash. Federal Court) – RICO Class Action
Beyer v. Countrywide (Wash. Federal Court) – Class Action (Mortgage Contract)
No v. Unibank, et al. (Wash. State Court) – Director/Officer Suit
Wright v. AMC Mortgage Services, Inc. (Wash. State Court) – Class Action (Mortgage Contract)
Modular Arts, Inc. v. Plasterglass, Inc., et al. (Wash. Federal Court) — Copyright/Breach of Contract
Lund v. Sea Ray (Wash. State Court) – Class Action (Fuel Consumption/Consumer Protection)
Rainey v. PacifiCorp (Wash. State Court) – Class Action (Water Rights)
Thomas v. Continental Ins. Co. (Wash. Federal Court) – Class Action (Insurance)
Aircraft Gear Corp. v. Boeing (Wash. Federal Court) – Commercial/Contract
Brunswick v. Milmar, LTDA (AAA Arbitration) – International Contract
Claircom de Mexico v. Cingular Wireless (Wash. Federal Court) – International Contract
Derry v. Aeromaster Airways, S.A. (Oregon Federal Court) – International Contract
Wolstein v. London Underwriters, et al. (Wash. State Court) – International Contract
Fishing Company of Alaska v. MAN Diesel (London Court of Intl. Arbitration) – Contract

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Publications

“Measuring Borrowers in a New Legal Landscape,” *Scotsman Guide*, March 2008

Professional and Community Activities

American Bar Association
Washington Mortgage Lenders Association
Washington Association of Mortgage Brokers
Washington Defense Trial Lawyers Association
Bainbridge Island Little League
2nd Ranger Battalion Assistance Foundation
Distinguished Member of the 75th Ranger Regiment