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Areas of Practice

Charles Huber is an active litigator whose practice involves complex commercial litigation. His practice includes the defense of corporate clients in the areas of commercial and real estate transactions; insurance coverage and bad faith; and major personal injury matters. He represents petroleum industry clients against environmental and toxic tort claims. Charles regularly defends class actions, including employment and insurance related matters. He has a wide range of trial experience that includes class action, intellectual property, insurance and significant tort matters.

Admitted To Practice

Washington State Courts
U.S. District Courts for the Western and Eastern Districts of Washington
9th Circuit Court of Appeals

Academics

University of Puget Sound (J.D. *cum laude*, 1989; B.A., 1986)
Multiple AmJur Award Winner
Recipient Of Year End Scholarship for Academic Achievement

Practice Group and Specialty Team Memberships

Chair, Complex Litigation I Practice Group
Long Term Care and Seniors Housing Client Service Team

Representative Cases

Steele vs. Extendicare, 607 F.Supp.2d 1226 (W.D. WA 2009) (Order dismissing class action claims under the Washington Consumer Protection Act in the context of long term care)

Bernstein vs. Extendicare, 607 F.Supp.2d 1027) (D. Minn 2009) (Order dismissing class action claims under Minnesota consumer protection act claims)

Successfully defended West Coast Life Insurance against securities fraud class action obtaining summary judgment

Obtained defense verdict for multiple oil distributors defendants following trial against 18,000 member class alleging claims arising out of allegedly defective fuel oil

Defended Lincoln National/Swiss Re in \$400,000,000 trial involving reinsurance and allegations of bad faith and breach of contract

In *Kottler v. State*, 136 Wn.2d 437, 963 P.2d 834 (1998) successfully obtained and upheld summary judgment against claimants in bus rollover accident

Other reported cases include: *Sollitt Corp. v. Chapman Plumbing*, 67 Wn.App. 468, 836 P.2d 851 (1992); and *Cunningham v. State*, 61 Wn.App. 562, 811 P.2d 225 (1991)

Speaking Engagements

“Emerging Trends in Health Care Quality: Legal and Financial Implications,” American Health Lawyers Association, Long Term Care and the Law Program, February 17, 2010

Awards and Honors

Named as a “Washington Super Lawyer,” *Super Lawyers* magazine, Civil Litigation Defense, 2006-2010

Peer Review Rated “AV” in Martindale-Hubbell

Professional and Community Activities

Washington Defense Trial Lawyers

Defense Research Institute

Washington State Bar Association

King County Bar Association

American Bar Association

Board Member, Child Care Resources

Past Chair, Our Lady of the Lake School Commission

Knights of Columbus