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Areas of Practice

Bob Israel is one of the Firm's premier trial attorneys. He is past chair of the Lane Powell London Practice Group and has been principally responsible for numerous high profile, complex coverage cases on behalf of the Firm's insurance clients. His practice focus has included insurance coverage litigation, products liability, asbestos, reinsurance and railroad litigation as well as appellate practice.

Tort and Professional Liability

Insurance Litigation; Negligence and Products
Liability Litigation; Railroad Litigation

Admitted to Practice

Washington
Eastern and Western Federal District Courts

Academics

Harvard Law School (J.D., 1969)
University of Washington (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1966)
Phi Beta Kappa

Practice Group and Specialty Team Memberships

Insurance
London
Product Liability
Railroad and Mass Transportation

Representative Cases

Head of the Joint Defense Counsel in *Alcoa v. Accident and Casualty* on behalf of Lloyd's of London — an environmental coverage litigation.

Lead trial counsel representing Lloyd's of London in *Boeing v. Aetna* — an environmental coverage litigation.

Head of Joint Defense Counsel in *Paccar v. Alba, et al.*, on behalf of Lloyd's of London — an environmental coverage litigation.

Represented Rapid American Corp., HK Porter, Southern Asbestos, WR Grace, USX Corp., and PPG in the defense of asbestos personal injuries litigation since 1979.

Represented local construction companies in the defense of EPA claims for environmental asbestos regulation violations.

Awards and Honors

Peer Review Rated "AV" in Martindale-Hubbell

Professional and Community Activities

Founder, Court Liaison Counsel and President, Washington Asbestos Defense Association
(1979-1986)

Member, Washington Defense Trial Lawyers Association, Board of Trustees (1982-1989); President
(1987-1988)

Judge Pro Tem, Arbitrator, Mediator and Discovery Master, King County Superior Court
Recipient, Defense Research Institute and Trial Lawyers Association, Exceptional Performance
Citation (1988)

King County Delay Reduction Task Force (1988-1989)

King County Arbitration Committee (1987-1989)

King County Bar Association Court Congestion Committee (1986-1987)