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Areas of Practice

Jim Stoetzer is an experienced litigator who focuses his active trial practice on complex commercial disputes. Jim represents clients in multi-state arbitrations and litigations regarding class action management liability, securities, insurance coverage, employment, construction, intellectual property and regulatory investigations.

Professional Experience

Washington State Bar Association Sections: ADR, Construction, Employment, Litigation
Washington Defense Trial Lawyers
Defense Research Institute
Faculty, National Institute for Trial Advocacy (1988, 1994)
LTJG, United States Navy; Legal and Personal Officer, USS LaSalle, LPD-3 (1969-1972)

Admitted to Practice

Washington, 1975
Alaska, 1979
United States Federal District Courts, Alaska and Washington
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; United States Supreme Court

Academics

University of Michigan (J.D., *cum laude*, 1975; B.A., *cum laude*, 1969)
Member, University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform (1974-1975)

Practice Group and Specialty Team Memberships

Class Action Defense
Construction
Director and Officer Liability
Diversity Committee
Intellectual Property and Technology
Labor and Employment
Professional Liability
Securities Litigation
White Collar Criminal Defense, Regulatory Compliance and Special Investigations

Representative Matters and Clients

Hall Street v. Mattel Inc.: Seminal FAA case on remand from U.S. Supreme Court
The Mission Corporation: Patent law attorney malpractice litigation (defeated alleged inventor of Nintendo Wii Box game control)
Consumer class action regarding parking industry

BP Alaska oilspill investigation matters

WizKids: Patent law attorney malpractice litigation

Metropolitan Mortgage and Securities Bankruptcy: D&O/E&O insurance litigation

NCAA Division One Football Walk-On's litigation: National class action antitrust litigation

United States of America v. John Doe: Former CEO/CFO of public company facing SEC complaint and a parallel indictment by the DOJ alleging Sarbanes-Oxley violations, accounting fraud and securities fraud

Anchorage International Airport Terminal Redevelopment Litigation: Seismic design, delay and impact construction claim

Rosie O'Donnell v. Entercom: Copyright and trademark suit

Callison Architecture Inc. v. Cordax Inc.: Software design dispute

Getty v. Harmon & Sun America: Class action securities suit

Local counsel in national litigation regarding the tobacco, pharmaceutical and transportation industries

Speaking Engagements

“Building Information Modeling (“BIM”): Managing Risk with High Tech Design”

“Assessing Litigation Risks and Strategies in Sexual Harassment Retaliation Claims”

“Tank in the New Millennium”

“Effective Use of Arbitration, Mediation and Negotiation,” Washington State Bar Association Seminar

29th Annual Meeting of Invited Attorneys, Moderator

“Limiting the Duty to Defend Contractor Claims for Additional Compensation”

“The Perils & Pitfalls for Counsel Representing A&E Joint Ventures”

Awards and Honors

Named as a “Washington Super Lawyer,” *Super Lawyers* magazine, Business Litigation (2007-2011)
Peer Review Rated “AV” in Martindale-Hubbell

Professional and Community Activities

Board of Directors, Starlight Washington Children’s Foundation (Present)

Board of Directors, Seattle Children’s Museum (1997-2004)

Member, Professional Liability Underwriting Society

Strategic Planning Committee, Inglewood Golf Club