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Andrew Yates represents railroads, federal and state chartered banks, loan servicers and other transportation and financial services industry clients in civil litigation and regulatory enforcement matters. He also handles a wide variety of other business disputes. Andrew has successfully handled several trials and arbitrations.

## Railroad Litigation Experience

Andrew represents several of the nation's largest freight and passenger railroads, including BNSF Railway Company, Union Pacific Company, and Amtrak. He has defended these and other rail companies in Federal Employers' Liability Act, Federal Railroad Safety Act, contract, and real estate matters in state and federal court and before federal administrative tribunals. Andrew is a member of the National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel and the Association of Transportation Law Professionals.

## Financial Institutions Litigation Experience

Andrew's practice also includes representation of banks, loan servicers, mortgage companies and other financial institutions in a wide variety of court and administrative proceedings, such as regulatory investigations and enforcement actions. He defends class actions and individual claims under federal statutes such as the Truth in Lending Act, Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, and Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, as well as state statutes and common law causes of action.

## Other Civil Litigation Experience

Andrew has also represented clients in a wide variety of other civil litigation matters, including in the life insurance, manufacturing, maritime, real estate, and health care industries as well as business disputes between partnerships, closely held businesses and individuals. These matters range

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### Practices & Industries

Commercial Litigation  
Electronic Discovery, Technology & Strategy  
Financial Institutions Litigation & Investigations  
Transportation

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### Education

Seattle University School of Law, J.D.,  
*cum laude*

- *Seattle University Law Review*, Associate Editor
- National Appellate Advocacy Competition Moot Court Team, Captain

Whitman College, B.A.

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### Admissions

Washington  
U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

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## Honors

"Washington Super Lawyer," Thomson Reuters, Business Litigation (2017-2020)

"Washington Rising Star," Thomson Reuters, Business Litigation (2009-2016)

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## LinkedIn

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from pre-dispute negotiations, mediation, arbitration and trial in state and federal courts.

## Representative Clients

- BNSF Railway Company
- Union Pacific Railway Company
- National Railroad Passenger Corporation
- Portland Terminal Railway Company
- Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
- KeyBank National Association
- Mr. Cooper LLC (formerly Nationstar Mortgage LLC)
- Specialized Loan Servicing LLC
- New York Life Insurance Company

## Professional Experience

Washington State Court of Appeals, Division II, Law Clerk to the Honorable David H. Armstrong

Washington State Court of Appeals, Division II, Judicial Extern

Washington State Office of the Attorney General, Law Clerk

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## Thought Leadership

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**July 16, 2020** | News

Thirty-Two Lane Powell Attorneys Recognized by *Super Lawyers* in Washington for 2020

Awards & Honors

**May 26, 2020** | Publication

OSHA Considerations for the Rail Industry in the Age of COVID-19  
COVID-19 Resource

**June 10, 2019** | News

Thirty-one Lane Powell Attorneys Named 'Washington Super Lawyers' and Nine Named 'Washington Rising Stars'

Awards & Honors

**November 9, 2018** | Publication

Alleged Failures of Tesla Autopilot Drive Numerous Lawsuits  
Transportation Legal Update

**August 16, 2018** | News

Yates Quoted in *Law360* Article '8th Circ. BNSF Ruling Clarifies Federal Preemption'  
In the News

**June 18, 2018** | News

Thirty-two Lane Powell Attorneys Named 'Washington Super Lawyers' and 14 Named 'Washington Rising Stars'  
Awards & Honors

**November 6, 2017** | Publication

A Year-End Summary of Recent Railroad Preemption Cases  
Transportation Legal Update

**June 9, 2017** | News

Thirty-one Lane Powell Attorneys Named 'Washington Super Lawyers' and 16 Named 'Washington Rising Stars'  
Awards & Honors

**June 12, 2015** | News

Thirty-two Lane Powell Attorneys Named 'Washington Super Lawyers' and 11 Named as 'Washington Rising Stars'  
Awards & Honors

**January 16, 2015** | Event / CLE

The Fallout From the Fallout for Mortgage Servicing  
National Forum on Residential Mortgage Litigation and Regulatory Enforcement | Los Angeles

**June 26, 2014** | Event / CLE

When Is a Residential Mortgage Loan Servicer Considered a Debt-Collector and Thus Potentially Subject to Liability for Violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act?  
Mortgage Servicing Compliance | Dallas, Texas

**June 13, 2014** | News

Thirty-five Lane Powell Attorneys Named 'Washington Super Lawyers' and

Fifteen Named as 'Washington Rising Stars'  
Awards & Honors

**June 14, 2013** | News

Thirty-Six Lane Powell Attorneys Named 'Washington Super Lawyers' and Sixteen Named as 'Washington Rising Stars'  
Awards & Honors

**June 13, 2012** | News

28 Lane Powell Attorneys Named 'Washington Super Lawyers;' 12 Named as 'Washington Rising Stars'  
Awards & Honors

**August 9, 2011** | News

Thirty-six Lane Powell Attorneys Listed as Top Lawyers in *Seattle Metropolitan Magazine*  
Awards & Honors

**June 20, 2011** | News

Twenty-six Lane Powell Attorneys Named 'Washington Super Lawyers;' Ten Lane Powell Attorneys Named As 'Washington Rising Stars'  
Awards & Honors