



# Geoff

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Geoff Palachuk is an experienced litigator and construction dispute resolution strategist. He uses an array of creative problem-solving approaches to counsel owners, lenders, design professionals, and contractors through all phases of dispute resolution, from risk evaluation to mediation or trial.

Geoff previously worked as an insurance defense attorney, where he represented utility and railroad companies. With that experience, he has built a methodical approach to risk spotting and helping clients eliminate or reduce their exposure to liability.

A Pacific Northwest native, Geoff is an avid volunteer in his community. He holds leadership positions in local and national bar associations and frequently authors publications related to construction law.

## Practices & Industries

Commercial Litigation  
Construction

## Education

Notre Dame Law School, J.D.,

- *Journal of College and University Law*, Article Editor
- Moot Court, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Finalist
- Intellectual Property Law Society, Vice President
- Student Bar Association, Social Chair
- Hispanic Law Students Association, Finance Chair

University of Oregon, B.S., with honors

- Alpha Kappa Delta Honors
- Order of Omega Greek Academic Honors
- Dean's List
- University of Oregon Centurion Award

## Professional Experience

Jameson Babbit Stites & Lombard, PLLC

Paine Hamblen, LLP

Washington State Court of Appeals, Division III, Summer Clerk

## Community Involvement

Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, Pathfinder (2020)

Washington Bar Association, Construction Law Section

King County Bar Association

- Judiciary & Litigation Committee

(Academics, Leadership and Service)

- Outstanding Senior Man (Leadership and Service)
- Kershner Scholar (Academics and Leadership)
- Greek Life, President
- Order of Omega Greek Honor Society, President
- University Student Orientation Staff, University Ambassador
- Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, Executive Committee

- Young Lawyers Division, Trustee & Treasurer (2017-2019)

American Bar Association

- Forum on Construction Law, Diversity Scholar (2020)
- Construction Law Section
- Young Lawyers Section

Microsoft & Hispanic National Bar Association IP Law Society, Fellow (2014-Present)

National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP), Washington Chapter, Emerging Leader (2014-2018)

Delta Tau Delta, Gamma Rho Chapter, Chapter Advisor (2017-Present)

Catholic Charities of Spokane, Pro Bono Volunteer (2015-2017)

Gonzaga Law School, Moot Court Tournament Judge (2016)

Meals on Wheels, Board of Directors (2014-2016)

Spokane County Sheriff's Advisory Board (2014-2016)

City of Spokane Ethics Commission (2015)

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## Admissions

Washington

U.S. District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Washington

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

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## Honors

Diversity Scholar, American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law (2020)

"Washington Rising Star," Thomson Reuters, Construction Litigation (2017-2019)

Rated AV Preeminent® in Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Ratings™

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## Thought Leadership

**April 3, 2020** | Publication

Washington State Delays Implementing Amendments to State Building Code from July 1 to November 1  
COVID-19 Resource

**February 12, 2020** | News

Poplawski and Palachuk Selected for Leadership Council for Legal Diversity Programs  
Awards & Honors

**January 10, 2020** | News

Palachuk Receives Diversity Scholarship for ABA Forum on Construction Law  
Awards & Honors

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## LinkedIn

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June 17, 2019 | News

Palachuk Joins Lane Powell Construction Team  
Firm Announcement