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Rudy Englund is a seasoned trial lawyer representing clients in a range of business, employment and compliance dispute resolution matters. He has extensive experience serving as lead counsel in wage and hour class action litigation matters.

In addition to wage and hour disputes, Rudy represents clients in commercial and complex litigation in federal and state courts and in class action litigation in matters involving:

- Employment claims;
- Securities litigation;
- Consumer fraud;
- Mortgage lending practices and fair credit reporting (FCRA/FACTA); and
- Business dispute resolution.

He is described by clients in *Chambers USA's Guide to America's Leading Lawyers for Business* as "smart, extremely prepared and an effective examiner of witnesses." In 2006, Rudy was inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Rudy has been active in the American Bar Association Section of Litigation for more than 30 years serving in multiple leadership capacities. In addition, he served a five-year term on the ABA Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary.

Practices & Industries

Class Actions

Commercial Litigation

Wage & Hour

Class Action Readiness Panel

Securities & Corporate Governance Litigation

Education

University of Washington, J.D., 1975

- Phi Beta Kappa

University of Washington, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1972

- Phi Beta Kappa

Admissions

Experience

Kayshel v. Toyota of Kirkland

Defended the O'Brien Auto Group, comprised of more than a dozen auto dealerships, against claims that the dealerships failed to pay their sales consultants commissions on sales made on finance department products in month-long trial.

U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

Washington

Honors

Lifetime Fellow, American Bar Foundation

“Seattle Lawyer of the Year,” *Best Lawyers*®, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions – Defendants (2018)

The Best Lawyers in America®, Commercial Litigation, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions — Defendants (2010-2021)

"Local Litigation Star," *Benchmark Litigation*, Class Actions (2008-2018); Employment Litigation (2008-2021); Securities (2008-2019)

“Labor & Employment Star – West,” *Benchmark Litigation* (2019-2021)

"Washington Super Lawyer," Thomson Reuters, Business Litigation (2003-2020)

Chambers® USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business, Business, Litigation: General Commercial (2004-2016)

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

Big Box Retailer Wage & Hour Class Action Lawsuit

Defended big box retailer in a Wage and Hour Collective Action two-phase jury trial to judgment involving off-the-clock work allegations.

Contos v. National Bank Escrow Company LLC

Case No. C08-838Z | U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington | Seattle, Washington

Represented National Bank Escrow in a putative class action lawsuit claiming violation of RESPA section 8(a) (12 U.S.C. § 2607(a)), the Washington Consumer Protection Act, and breach of fiduciary duty.

Bradford v. McDonnell Douglas

Defended McDonnell Douglas and obtained a Products Liability Defense Verdict against 34 plaintiffs after three month trial.

In re River Park Square Project Board Litigation

Obtained dismissal of target defendant Prudential by motion to dismiss on eve of trial in bondholders’ securities litigation.

In re Cray Inc. Derivative Litigation

Successful defense of client Cray, Inc. in motions to dismiss in companion federal and state court shareholder derivative actions.

UNITE v. The Gap Superior Court San Francisco

U.S. District Court, District of Alaska

Saipan Sweatshop Litigation — Civil RICO Class Action regarding Saipan garment manufacturing industry.

Huber v. National Bank

Case No. 2:15-cv-00051

Obtained dismissal of putative Class Action for National Bank.

In re Cutter and Buck Inc. Securities Litigation

Successful settlements in companion securities and shareholder derivative actions.

Bourse v. Texaco

Represented client Texaco in a Contract Employee Class Action successfully defeating class certification.

DuWors v. TracFone Wireless, Inc. et al

Case No. 2:2010cv01789 | U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington | Seattle, Washington

Defended TracFone and big box retailer against claims that the defendants’ sales of prepaid wireless phone cards are in violation of the Washington Gift Card Statute and Consumer Protection Act.

In re L&L Energy, Inc. Securities Litigation

Case No. 13-cv-6704-RA | U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
Represented L&L Energy and various current and former directors and

officers in two sets of securities class actions in federal court in Washington and New York, five shareholder derivative actions in federal and state court in Washington and Nevada, and potential opt-out litigation.

Big Box Retailer Wage & Hour Class Action Lawsuit

U.S. District Court, District of Oregon

Defended big box retailer in case alleging the company failed to timely pay associates at the time of the termination of their employment. A favorable settlement was achieved and approved by the court.

Big Box Retailer Wage & Hour Class Action Lawsuit

U.S. District Court, District of Alaska Anchorage, Alaska

Represented big box retailer in four major wage and hour class action lawsuits pending in the states of Alaska, California and Oregon, as well as consumer-based class allegations under gift card and consumer protection laws in the state of Washington.

Big Box Retailer Wage & Hour Class Action Lawsuit

U.S. District Court, District of Oregon

Defended big box retailer in case alleging the company failed to timely pay associates at the time of the termination of their employment. A favorable settlement was achieved and approved by the court.

Rapid Funding Group, Inc. v. KeyBank NA

Case No. CV07-1348 PK

Defended KeyBank against an action by Rapid Funding Group to recover damages based on representations and warranties allegedly made by KeyBank in conjunction with loans by RFG to third-party Trade Base Equipment.

Big Box Retailer Wage & Hour Class Action Lawsuit

U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

Defended big box retailer in case alleging the company failed to timely pay associates at the time of the termination of their employment. A favorable settlement was achieved and approved by the court.

Community Involvement

American College of Trial Lawyers

- Member, Jury Committee (2018)
- Member, Complex Litigation Committee (2018)

American Bar Association

- Judicial Intern Opportunity Program (2010-Present)
- Numerous Leadership Positions, Section of Litigation (1986-Present)
- Co-chair, Section of Litigation's Rules Amendments Seattle Roadshow (2016)

- Member, Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary (1997-2002)
- Council Member, Section of Litigation (1994-1997)

International Association of Defense Counsel, Member

Federal Bar Association Western District of Washington

Thought Leadership

October 28, 2020 | News

Lane Powell Attorneys Recognized in *Benchmark Litigation 2021*

Awards & Honors

August 20, 2020 | News

The Best Lawyers in America© 2021 Recognizes 92 Lane Powell Attorneys

Awards & Honors

July 16, 2020 | News

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

Awards & Honors

January 16, 2020 | Publication

Book Review: *Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts*

King County Bar Association *Bar Bulletin*

August 15, 2019 | News

The Best Lawyers in America© 2020 Recognizes 63 Lane Powell Attorneys

Awards & Honors

June 10, 2019 | News

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

Awards & Honors

October 12, 2018 | News

Lane Powell Highly Recommended in *Benchmark Litigation 2019*

Awards & Honors

August 15, 2018 | News

The Best Lawyers in America© 2019 Recognizes 62 Lane Powell Attorneys

Awards & Honors

June 18, 2018 | News

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

Awards & Honors

October 26, 2017 | News

Lane Powell Highly Recommended in *Benchmark Litigation* 2018
Awards & Honors

August 15, 2017 | News

Fifty-nine Lane Powell Attorneys Named in *The Best Lawyers® in America* 2018
Awards & Honors

June 9, 2017 | News

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

May 30, 2017 | News

Chambers® USA Recommends Lane Powell in Multiple Categories for 2017
Awards & Honors

May 24, 2017 | News

Miao Selected as Fellow of the American Bar Foundation
Awards & Honors

October 20, 2016 | News

Lane Powell Highly Recommended in *Benchmark Litigation* 2017
Awards & Honors

May 27, 2016 | News

Chambers® USA Recommends Lane Powell in Multiple Categories for 2016
Awards & Honors

April 29, 2016 | Event / CLE

Rules Amendments Roadshow
American Bar Association Section of Litigation | Seattle

February 2, 2016 | News

Twenty-five Lane Powell Attorneys and 11 Practice Groups Recommended
in *Chambers® USA* 2016
Awards & Honors

October 27, 2015 | News

Lane Powell Highly Recommended in 2016 *Benchmark Litigation*

August 17, 2015 | News

Forty-eight Lane Powell Attorneys Named in *The Best Lawyers in America®* 2016
Awards & Honors

June 12, 2015 | News

Thirty-two Lane Powell Attorneys Named ‘Washington Super Lawyers’ and 11 Named as ‘Washington Rising Stars’

Awards & Honors

May 21, 2015 | News

Chambers[®] USA Recommends Lane Powell in Multiple Categories for 2015

Awards & Honors

February 11, 2015 | News

Twenty-one Lane Powell Attorneys and 11 Practice Groups Recommended in *Chambers*[®] USA 2015

Awards & Honors

October 20, 2014 | News

Eleven Lane Powell Attorneys Recognized as “Litigation Stars;” Two Named as “Future Stars” in 2015 *Benchmark Litigation* Legal Guide

August 19, 2014 | News

Horowitz and Lindquist Selected as Fellows of the American Bar Foundation

Awards & Honors

August 18, 2014 | News

Fifty-One Lane Powell Attorneys Named in *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] 2015

Awards & Honors

June 13, 2014 | News

Thirty-five Lane Powell Attorneys Named ‘Washington Super Lawyers’ and Fifteen Named as ‘Washington Rising Stars’

Awards & Honors

June 3, 2014 | News

Chambers[®] USA Recommends Lane Powell in Multiple Categories for 2014

Awards & Honors

January 29, 2014 | News

Twenty-two Lane Powell Attorneys and 12 Practice Groups Recommended in *Chambers*[®] USA 2014

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

July 20, 2010 | News

58 Lane Powell Attorneys Listed as Top Lawyers in *Seattle Metropolitan Magazine*

Awards & Honors

June 6, 2010 | News

28 Lane Powell Attorneys Named Washington Super Lawyers 2010

Awards & Honors