

## Insurance

Our Insurance Team provides the experience and resources expected of a large law firm, with the individualized service of a smaller local or regional firm. We know clients want cost-effective solutions to complex cases. Our experience and creativity allow us to make better early evaluations and seek cost-effective, early resolution. When early resolution is not possible, we aggressively, but efficiently, handle cases in litigation.

Lane Powell handles both defense and coverage litigation in the classes of business you write in the Pacific Northwest, including:

- Cyber risks;
- Directors & Officers liability;
- Employment Practices Liability Insurance (EPLI);
- Environmental liability;
- Excess and Surplus Lines;
- Financial institutions;
- Healthcare liability;
- Life, health, disability and ERISA;
- Marine;
- Product liability;
- Professional liability; and
- Property.

## Experience

### **Wright v. Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center**

Insurance coverage.

### **Cassan v. City of SeaTac**

King County Superior Court

Sign code litigation.

### **Alison v. Metropolitan Life Insurance Company**

Case No. 3:15-cv-05567-RBL | U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

Obtained a judgment in favor of insurer on de novo review of an ERISA disability claim.

## **Pleasant v. Regence BlueShield**

Case No. 181 Wn. App. 252, 325 P.3d 237 | U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit  
Obtained a dismissal of claims for health care coverage.

## **Jolley v. Regence BlueShield\***

Case No. 153 Wn. App. 434, 220 P.3d 1264 | U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit  
Obtained a dismissal of claims by terminated health care provider.

## **Hunter v. Regence BlueShield\***

Case No. 2006 WL 2396643. Wn. App.  
Obtained a dismissal of claims for health care coverage.

## **Glaubach v. Regence BlueShield\***

Case No. 149 Wn.2d 827, 74 P.3d 115 | U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit  
We obtained a dismissal of gender discrimination claims (WL 711523).

## **Nielson v. Eisenhower & Carlson\***

Case No. 100 Wn. App. 584, 999 P.2d 42 | U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit  
We obtained a dismissal of attorney malpractice claims.

## **Barnhart v. New York Life Ins. Co\***

Case No. 141 F.3d 1310 | U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit  
We obtained a dismissal of claims by terminated insurance agent.

## **Tortes v. King County\***

Case No. 119 Wn. App. 1, 84 P.3d 252 | U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit  
We obtained a dismissal of claims against Metro by a party injured in an Aurora Bridge accident.

## **Syrett v. Reisner McEwin & Associates\***

Case No. 107 Wn. App. 524, 24 P.3d 1070 | U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit  
We obtained a dismissal of claims against marine surveyor.

## **Alpha Therapeutic v. Allianz**

Case No. BC 080 447 | Los Angeles County Superior Court  
Insurance coverage litigation for environmental claims.

## **Johnson-Bari v. Sterling Savings Bank**

Multnomah County Circuit Court | Portland, Oregon  
Defended the insured, Sterling Bank, to a favorable jury verdict in which the plaintiff alleged discrimination and wrongful termination based on her perceived sexual orientation.

## **Liberty Mutual Group Purchase of Safeco Corporation**

Advised Liberty Mutual Group in the purchase of Safeco Corporation (NYSE: SAFC).

## **Nielsen v. Unum Life Insurance Company of America, et al**

Case No. 2:13cv1717 | U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

Defended Unum Group against claims that its administration of Catholic Health Initiatives's employee benefit plan was actually a "church plan" and not governed by ERISA.

## **UnitedHealthcare Insurance Co. Self-Insured Employee Health Plan Arbitration**

Represented a healthcare insurer against an arbitration demand filed by a petitioner hospital requesting payment of amounts allegedly owed under an in-network provider contract with our client.

## **McCarthy Building Co. v. Ohio Casualty Insurance et. al**

King County Superior Court

Defended Underwriters in \$120 million construction defect/bad faith claim.

## **Cell Therapeutics, Inc. v. The LASH Group, Inc. et. al**

U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

Represented excess insurer in Federal False Claim Act (pharmaceutical).

## **Taylor v. Sentry Group**

U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

Defended bad faith insurance claim.

## **All Alaskan v. Raychem**

U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

Represent London Underwriters in \$100 million subrogation/fire loss action.

## **West Beach v. Commonwealth Insurance Company of America**

Case No. Case No. 17-2-12136-3 | King County Superior Court | Seattle, Washington

Obtained dismissal of condominium water damage claim on summary judgement.

## **Eagle Harbour v. Commonwealth Insurance Company**

Case No. Case No. C15-5312-RBL | U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

Obtained a jury verdict in favor of insurer in a large condominium water damage claim.

## **Waverly Place v. Commonwealth Insurance Company of America**

Case No. Case No. 15-2-15026-0 | King County Superior Court | Seattle, Washington

Obtained dismissal of condominium water damage claim on summary judgment.

## **Goetz v. Life Insurance Company of North America**

Case No. Case No. C16-00441-SMJ | U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington

Obtained judgment in favor of life insurer.

## **Insurance Reimbursement Dispute**

Represented national senior living and long term care owners against claim processing contractor related to processor's negligent and untimely claims processing and unpaid claims.

## **Commercial Property Damage**

Represent professional contractor in claims against business (and related insurance company) related to property damage caused by operator of business' motorized vessel which was operated at excessive speed in a no-wake zone.

## **Pikington v. Whitworth Water Dist. No. 2\***

Spokane County Superior Court

Defense verdict in a jury trial of a premises liability matter. Client was accused of failing to discover a missing street valve box lid that caused injury to the plaintiffs.

## **Messenger v. Maden\***

Spokane County District Court

Jury trial of an admitted liability transportation law matter. The plaintiff claimed she was severely injured as a result of the collision and sought excessive damages at trial. The jury returned a verdict awarding far less than the amount requested by the plaintiff prior to the commencement of trial.

## **Ferrante v. Castle\***

Spokane County Superior Court

Jury trial of an admitted liability transportation law matter. The plaintiff claimed that a low speed impact caused him to suffer from debilitating vertigo and other personal injuries.

## **Woods v. Attorney\***

King County Superior Court

Obtained summary judgment dismissal of legal malpractice claims filed against the defendant.

*\* Denotes experience at a previous firm*

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