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Practice Areas

Commercial Liability Defense

Education

Lewis and Clark Law School, J.D.

Temple University, M.A., Education

University of Oregon, B.A., Political
Science

Bar Admissions

Oregon
Washington

Certification & Accolades

Member, Oregon State Bar
Association

Member, Washington State Bar
Association

Member, Multnomah Bar
Association

Member, Oregon Association of
Defense Counsel

Member, Claims and Litigation
Management Alliance

Admitted, United States District
Court for the District of Oregon

Admitted, United States District
Court for the Western District of
Washington

Previous Winner of Black Belt Trial
Advocacy Training Program



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Expertise and Professional Overview

Specializing in the defense of large loss and catastrophic injury claims, Bill Taaffe regularly defends claims based on premises liability, products liability, liquor liability (Dram Shop), defamation, commercial auto liability, and general negligence. If it is a large, complex case, it often ends up on Bill's desk.

In addition to his expertise in the Commercial Lines realm, Bill has considerable international business experience—having worked in several different countries over a period of many years. His international background has provided him with the ability to masterfully view case handling situations through multiple perspectives and continues to help him find creative solutions to complex legal matters. Working with professionals from all over the world has also honed Bill's strong work ethic.

In sports parlance—Bill has a “strong motor”—always ready to jump on a plane to meet with out-of-state clients, work long hours, and do whatever is necessary to fully defend a claim and take care of his clients.

Significant Representation

Bill has extensive experience defending large, complex GL claims ranging up to 28 million dollars. He has successfully represented clients from all over the US and abroad and, in the last 5 years, Bill has successfully defended many complicated matters involving products liability, fire loss, premises liability, and Dram Shop. He regularly obtains excellent results for his clients—often far beyond expectations.

The Bottom Line

When you retain Bill, you know that you have an attorney who cares deeply about taking care of his clients and obtaining the best possible case result. You can count on his tireless efforts to vigorously defend all matters and to work toward efficient case resolution.

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