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Practice Areas

Commercial Liability Defense
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Education

University of Oregon School of
Law, J.D., 1975

University of Oregon, B.S.,
Finance, 1971

Bar Admissions

Oregon

Certification & Accolades

Member, Washington State Bar
Association

Member, Oregon State Bar
Association

Member, Oregon Association of
Defense Counsel

Member, Defense Research Institute

Member, International Association
of Arson Investigators

Member, Litigation Counsel of
America (a trial lawyer honorary)

Member, Oregon Casualty Adjusters
Association

Member, Council on Litigation
Management

Admitted, United States District
Court for the District of Oregon

Admitted, United States
Supreme Court



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Expertise Overview

Bob is a founding member of Smith Freed Eberhard and has over 40 years of litigation experience. Bob frequently prepares and delivers seminars and lectures to insurance professionals and trade organizations on insurance coverage issues, hot topics, and legislative updates. He also has spent several years training agents for large insurers on all aspects of claims with an emphasis on errors & omissions liability and how to avoid it.

Bob's practice is broad-based in all aspects of insurance defense. He focuses on Special Investigations Unit, first-party property issues, as well as property-related casualty claims. Bob provides coverage opinions for all aspects of property and casualty insurance and he conducts fraud investigations.

Relevant Cases

Bob has conducted over 500 examinations under oath, has tried approximately 150 cases to a jury verdict, and has conducted upwards of 300 arbitration cases.

During the last four decades practicing litigation law, he has had numerous case successes. Though there are too many to count, some do stand out as favorites.

He defended the first methamphetamine clean-up case in the county and was interviewed in an article in the Wall Street Journal about the case. Bob has handled numerous first-party lawsuits at the appellate level, many of which established new laws in those areas. Bob has also assisted several national insurance carriers in rewriting portions of their insurance policies to better protect themselves and their insureds.