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Practice Areas

Commercial Liability Defense
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Education

Pepperdine University, J.D.,
cum laude, 2001

Oregon State University, B.A.,
History, *cum laude*, 1997

Bar Admissions

Oregon
Washington
California

Certification & Accolades

Member, Oregon State Bar
Association

Member, Washington State Bar
Association

Member, California State Bar
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Member, Oregon Association of
Defense Counsel

Member, Multnomah County Bar
Association



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Expertise Overview

Josh's practice focuses on the defense of cases involving personal injury and wrongful death. He represents companies and the insureds of several large insurance carriers against claims arising from the alleged negligent use of motor vehicles, products liability and premises liability.

Josh started as an associate at Smith Freed Eberhard in 2001. He has been a partner since 2008. Josh leads a group of attorneys that specialize in trying cases and effective pre-trial litigation. Josh typically tries several cases a year to jury verdict.

Prior to joining Smith Freed Eberhard, Josh gained experience in civil litigation, criminal defense, and family law while clerking at a firm in Salem, Oregon. While attending law school, he spent time in London, UK, where he served as a solicitor's clerk for a high profile firm advocating on behalf of individuals alleging human rights violations.

Relevant Cases

Josh has significant practice defending premises liability claims against property owners including churches, restaurants, stores, hotels, and bars and has successfully litigated product liability claims involving national tire manufacturers, do-it-yourself home supply chains, equipment rental companies, and engineering companies. He also represents several local and regional commercial and personal lines insurers and their insureds in Oregon and Washington.

Insights & Thought Leadership

Josh regularly gives presentations to claims professionals on legislative updates regarding Oregon and Washington insurance law.

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