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Practice Areas

Construction & Development

Education

Gonzaga University School of Law,
J.D., 2007

Arizona State University, B.A. in
Business, *magna cum laude*, 2001

Bar Admissions

Oregon
Washington

Certification & Accolades

Member, Oregon State Bar
Association

Member, Washington State Bar
Association

Black Belt Trial Advocacy Training
Program Graduate

Best Lawyers, Ones To Watch
2023

Expertise Overview

As a leader in Smith Freed Eberhard's Construction and Development Group, Mike leverages proficiency, over a decade of experience, and hard-nosed determination to give his clients the advantage. Mike focuses on representing general contractors, subcontractors, product manufacturers, and design professionals in all aspects of construction defect and design claims.

Before joining Smith Freed Eberhard, Mike worked on construction defect litigation with a niche Oregon-based insurance defense firm. During his time there, Mike gained substantial experience in depositions, arbitrations, and mediations. Mike has also worked as a judicial clerk in Multnomah County Circuit Court where he was closely mentored by trial court judges on all aspects of criminal and civil trials. He has been exposed to numerous trials, including working alongside some of Oregon's most experienced litigators.

Prior to entering the practice of law, Mike graduated from Gonzaga University School of Law, where he served as the Managing Editor of the Gonzaga Law Review and competed with Gonzaga Law School's National Trial Team.

Relevant Cases

While working on a recent case, Mike prepared the briefing for a successful summary judgment motion with respect to a property damage claim, related to erosion caused by a creek on a neighboring property, estimated between \$1.1 - 1.3 million.

