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Service Areas

Class Action Defense
Commercial Litigation
Litigation
Property Tax Litigation
Real Property Litigation
State Attorney General
Investigations

Bar Admissions

Washington

Education

Vanderbilt University School
of Law, J.D., 1984; Order of
the Coif

Hamilton College, B.A.,
1981, magna cum laude; Phi
Beta Kappa

ABOUT CHRIS

Chris Weiss represents businesses in litigation, with a focus on business disputes, products liability, and cases presenting scientific and engineering issues. Chris has substantial experience with eDiscovery and corporate records management. Chris has practiced law in Seattle for more than 30 years.

Chris serves as national counsel for clients in manufacturing, distribution and real estate development. He has served as first chair in numerous class actions and in mass tort cases. He has managed recalls before the Consumer Product Safety Commission and defended clients facing Washington Attorney General civil investigative demands and enforcement actions.

Chris' representation has included Amazon, ConocoPhillips, Car2go, Darigold, eBay, Johnson & Johnson, Longview Fibre, McFarland Cascade, McDonald's, Occidental Chemical, OpenSquare, Sumitomo Forestry, and the Washington State Department of Transportation.

Chris is a lifelong bicycle commuter. He is an avid skier and whitewater kayaker.

EXPERIENCE

Class Actions

- Judgment dismissing Car2go in consumer class action for alleged violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act and Washington Consumer Protection Act, affirmed by Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Voluntary dismissal without payment alleging violation of Telephone Consumer Protection Act.
- Voluntary dismissal without payment involving commercial texts under Washington Commercial Electronic Mail Act and Washington Consumer

Protection Act.

- Class action settlements of several consumer class actions arising under Washington's Debt Adjustment Act.
- Represented ARCO Alaska, defeating class certification, followed by settlement of claims by office workers exposed to asbestos during renovation.

Commercial Litigation

- Settlement of post-closing working capital dispute involving the sale of seven production facilities of a large Northwest manufacturer.
- Attorneys' fee recovery for Longview Fibre on indemnification claim for breach of asset purchase agreement, together with voluntary dismissal of ERISA and labor claims.
- Seven-figure recovery for Watermark Credit Union on a fidelity bond claim.

Products Liability and Toxic Torts

- National coordinating counsel for Harvard Drug Group in Fen-Phen litigation.
- Regional counsel for retailers in PPA litigation.
- Summary judgment for ConocoPhillips in benzene cases alleging gasoline exposure induced plaintiffs' leukemia, including *Henricksen v. ConocoPhillips*, 605 F.Supp.2d 1142 (E.D. WA 2009).
- Dismissals without payment for Atlantic Richfield Co. and BP in benzene and coal tar pitch exposure cases.
- Directed verdict for physician in trial of psychiatric malpractice claim involving pharmaceutical management.
- Regional counsel for numerous businesses facing asbestos premises and personal injury suits.
- Defended Occidental Chemical in trial of chlorine exposure personal injury claims.
- Defense of Solvay America for claims arising from use of medication to treat low testosterone.
- Defense of Bard for claims arising from use of cardiovascular medical device.
- Jury verdict recovery for parents in slayer's statute case, establishing that husband killed his estranged wife.

Real Estate and Construction Litigation

- Summary judgment for Versacold defeating landlords' attempt to evict tenant from 11 warehouses valued at over \$170 million and employing 400+ workers.
- Defeated \$200 million arbitration claim against Lurgi involving construction of a New York ethanol facility.
- Seven-figure trial award in adversary proceeding for Bellevue Place against

Washington Mutual in the Seattle Club bankruptcy.

eDiscovery and Records Management

- Regularly counsel clients and teach continuing legal education on eDiscovery and records management.

HONORS & ACTIVITIES

Personal

- Lifelong bicycle commuter. Avid skier, whitewater kayaker and sailor. Former board chair for several Northwest non-profits, including Cascade Bicycle Club, Stevens Pass Alpine Club and Penguin Ski Club.

INSIGHTS & PRESENTATIONS

- Chris regularly teaches at CLE seminars. He has made dozens of presentations and published articles in national publications on eDiscovery, records retention, emotional distress claims, medical monitoring and managing litigation in the role of national coordinating counsel. See “[Practical Considerations for National Coordinating Counsel in Complex Litigation](#),” *Defense Counsel Journal*, p. 357-365 (October 2004).