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Law Practice:

Bob Barton, a veteran trial lawyer with over thirty years of experience, has taken well over 200 cases to verdict in state and federal court. Before joining Cosgrave, he served as an Assistant Attorney General in Oregon as well as a Deputy District Attorney and Deputy Attorney General in California. Bob's practice encompasses a broad range of trucking and motor carrier claims, commercial litigation, products liability, wrongful death, catastrophic loss, personal injury, and tort cases.

Education & Bar Admissions:

Bob graduated from Notre Dame Law School and obtained his bachelor's degree from St. Louis University. He is admitted to practice in Oregon, Washington, California (inactive), as well as before the United States District Court for Oregon, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court.

INDUSTRIES

Insurance

Trucking and Motor Carrier

PRACTICE AREAS

Business & Commercial
Litigation

Personal Injury & Property
Damage Liability

Product Liability

Professional:

Bob is active in several local, state, and national professional organizations. He is past president of the Oregon Association of Defense Counsel, past-president of the Federal Bar Association Oregon Chapter, as well as past chair of the Oregon State Bar Uniform Civil Jury Instructions committee. He also served on the Chief Justice's Civil Law Advisory Committee, the Multnomah County Circuit Court Jury Committee, and the Multnomah Bar Association Judicial Screening Committee.

He is a member of the Defense Research Institute (DRI), the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC), and serves on the Transportation Practice Group Steering Committee for ALFA International (ALFA).

Civic:

Bob served as an elected member of the Notre Dame Law Association alumni board of directors for several years and currently is an executive member.

Bob previously served on and chaired the Oregon Business Association's Good Government Committee. For six years, he coached the Lake Oswego High School mock trial team, which won the state championship in 1997. He served on and chaired his homeowners association board of directors.

Personal:

As a Notre Dame alumnus, Bob is a passionate IRISH fan. He also loves classic cars, particularly Mustangs and Corvettes.

Presentations:

In May 2017, Bob presided over a panel of industry experts and trial lawyers at the ALFA Transportation Seminar in Scottsdale, Arizona which discussed successful strategies for early resolution of high damage exposure claims involving motor carriers.

In May 2015, Bob moderated a panel at the ALFA International Transportation Seminar in San Diego which addressed legal and logistical issues presented by onboard video cameras such as "drive cams" in buses and trucks.

In April 2014, Bob portrayed the role of plaintiff's counsel in a mock trial/focus group presentation at

the ALFA International Transportation Seminar in Coral Gables, Florida.

In August 2013, Bob spoke at the Oregon Trucking Association Annual Convention regarding “Steering Around Legal Potholes and Speed Bumps.”

Bob is frequently invited to moderate or speak at annual ALFA Transportation Practice Group Seminars across the country before hundreds of clients and attorneys. During one ALFA seminar, he played the role of defense trial counsel for a highly acclaimed mock trial/focus group presentation involving a contested liability, high damage exposure, catastrophic injury case.

In 2003, Bob created and moderated the first annual Oregon Association of Defense Counsel (OADC) Defense Academy – a multi-week program in which senior trial lawyers and judges provide real world insight and practice tips regarding defense practice tactics and strategies to newly minted lawyers.

Awards:

Bob is AV rated (highest rating) by Martindale-Hubbell National Directory’s peer review for ethical standards and legal ability. He has been selected by his peers for inclusion in Best Lawyers in America in the practice area of Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants and Plaintiffs. He also has been designated repeatedly as an Oregon Super Lawyer. He is an Advocate Member of the highly selective American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA).