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Law Practice

Kyle's practice focuses on tort litigation including premises liability, products liability, professional liability, personal injury, property damage, UIM and UM matters, and dram shop law. Kyle has also represented general contractors, subcontractors, and owners in construction cases. Kyle has arbitration and trial experience in both Washington and Oregon courts. He has achieved early dismissal for his clients through summary judgment motions on premises liability, product liability, and common law negligence claims in Oregon Circuit Court.

Trucking Investigation & Litigation

- Conduct site investigation in anticipation of future litigation
- Conduct investigation and inspection of tractor-trailers post-accidents
- Prepare defense for trucking clients in preparation for potential litigation, and defend clients through trial if litigation is initiated

Personal Injury and Property Damage Liability

- Pre-Litigation Investigation
- Wrongful Death Representation
- Court-Annexed Arbitration
- ORS 20.080 Defense

INDUSTRIES

Hospitality

Trucking and Motor Carrier

PRACTICE AREAS

Personal Injury & Property Damage Liability

Product Liability

Professional Liability

Construction Services & Litigation

- Defense of Underinsured Motorists Claims
- Defense of Uninsured Motorists Claims
- Motor Vehicle Defense in both Washington and Oregon Courts
- Trucking Accident Investigation and Defense
- Slip and Fall Defense
- Premises Liability Defense
- Dram Shop Defense

Product Liability

- Pre-Litigation Investigation
- Wrongful Death Representation
- Defense of Personal Injury claims in Washington and Oregon

Construction Services & Litigation

- Representation of general contractors and subcontractors defending alleged construction defects
- Defense of construction companies in administrative and tribunal settings

Representative Cases

- Achieved early dismissal of personal injury lawsuit through summary judgment motion.
- Achieved early dismissal of UIM lawsuit through summary judgment motion.
- Achieved arbitration award under offer of judgment in personal injury lawsuit, allowing recovery of costs for client.
- Assisted and participated in day long arbitration hearing involving a payment dispute between an owner of a mixed used building and the general contractor. The arbitrator sided with our client and award our client the full prayer.
- Assisted in defense of manufacturer in products-liability wrongful death matter to achieve resolution prior to trial.
- Obtained multiple arbitration awards under pre-suit offers in personal injury disputes in which there is attorney

fee exposure pursuant to ORS 20.080.

Education & Bar Admissions

Kyle received his law degree from the University of Oregon in 2017. He completed his bachelor's degree in English and Socio-Legal Studies at the University of Denver in 2014.

Kyle is a member of the Oregon State Bar and the Washington State Bar. He is also admitted to the United States District Court for the District of Oregon.

Professional

Kyle is a member of the ALFA International Transportation Practice Group Steering Committee and the ALFA International Hospitality & Retail Practice Group Steering Committee. He is also a member of the Multnomah Bar Association and the Oregon Association of Defense Counsel, where he previously served as Vice President of the Product Liability Group.

Personal

When not in the office or the courtroom, Kyle prefers to be outdoors with his friends and family. He is an avid skier, average runner, and atrocious golfer.

Articles

Court Admits Testimony Regarding Novel Causations of Injury
January, 2021

Awards

Oregon Rising Stars, *Super Lawyers* (2026)