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Law Practice:

Tab represents individuals and businesses in civil litigation, including complex personal injury, employment, commercial, and real estate litigation. In 2017, Tab was chosen by his peers as a “Rising Star”, an honor that is reserved for no more than 2.5 percent of Oregon lawyers.

Representative Experience:

- Obtained a favorable verdict as second-chair trial counsel in a 3-week complex personal injury trial.
- Obtained dismissal for corporate defendant in toxic tort case based on lack of personal jurisdiction pursuant to *Daimler AG v. Bauman*.
- Defended a personal injury claim for damages allegedly suffered as a result of a software malfunction on a piece of heavy machinery. Won full indemnity on summary judgment against the third-party software designer and manufacturer, based on product liability and contract theories.

INDUSTRIES

Construction

Manufacturing

Railroad

Trucking and Motor Carrier

PRACTICE AREAS

Business & Commercial
Litigation

Construction Services &
Litigation

Personal Injury & Property
Damage Liability

Product Liability

- Defended utility companies and manufacturers in workplace injury claims brought under the Employers Liability Act.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of defendant client in a multi-million dollar products liability case involving allegations of defective design and inadequate product warnings.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of defendant client, a restaurant, in a personal injury action based on premises liability allegations.
- Successfully negotiated and obtained favorable resolutions in claims under the Federal Employers Liability Act, the Locomotive Inspection Act (LIA), and the Federal Safety Appliance Act (SAA).
- Successfully negotiated and obtained favorable resolutions for employer in retaliatory discharge actions.
- Successfully prosecuted third-party indemnity claims under theories based on contract and common law.
- Successfully mediated complex injury and property damage disputes.

Education & Bar Admissions:

Tab received his bachelor's degree in English, with a minor in Spanish, from Sewanee: The University of the South. He obtained his law degree from the University of Oregon, where he was an Editor for the Oregon Law Review. Tab has also completed the National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel's (NARTC) College of Railroad Trial Advocacy, a rigorous six-day interactive program put on annually in Irving, Texas.

Tab is admitted to the Oregon State Bar, the United States District Court for the District of Oregon, the Washington State Bar, and the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington.

Professional:

Tab serves on the Associates Committee for the Campaign for Equal Justice and is a member of the Multnomah County Bar Association. He is also a member of the National Association of Railroad Trial

Counsel.

Personal:

Tab spends his time outside the office with friends and family including his wife, Abby, their two sons William and Freddy, and their dog, Jack.

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