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Practice Groups

[Litigation and Dispute Resolution](#)

[Emergency Injunction Squad](#)

[Antitrust and Consumer Protection](#)

Industry Groups

[Sports and Sports Facility Co-Chair](#)

Practice Summary

Practice emphasizes complex civil litigation and sports law. Sports Law focus involves working as outside counsel for the Seattle Seahawks, Seattle SuperSonics and Portland Trail Blazers. Significant involvement in a wide variety of legal and business issues impacting team ownership, including negotiation and drafting of contracts, licensing deals, intellectual property matters, employment disputes, radio/TV agreements, and private association law. Representation of teams on multiple litigation matters, including complex contract, tort, trademark and operations lawsuits. Additional sports industry experience defending NBA players in litigation, representing governmental entity in negotiating arena naming rights and use agreement and working on golf and NCAA issues. Further experience in overall case management; direct and cross-examination of expert and lay witnesses at bench and jury trials and hearings; taking and defending depositions; arguing motions in federal and state courts; and active participation in alternative dispute resolution forums. Substantial additional experience in preparing motion papers, supporting briefs and all phases of discovery. Matters include several class actions, major real estate litigation, securities suits, numerous consumer credit and breach of contract cases, and general business and banking litigation in federal and state courts.

Professional History

Executive Committee, 2008

Foster Pepper PLLC

Compensation Committee, 2006-2007

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Professional Recruiting Committee, Co-chair, 2002-2004

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Member, 2001-Present

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Professional Hiring Committee, Chair, 2001-2002; Member 2000-2007

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Professional Development Committee, 1998-2004

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Associate, 1997-2000

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Burr & Forman LLP - Birmingham, Alabama

Associate, 1992-1997

Summer Clerk, 1991

Recruiting Committee, 1996-1997

The Honorable Howard G. Munson, Sr. - United States District Court, Northern District of New York - Syracuse, New York

Judicial Externship, 1991-1992

Activities

Seattle University School of Law

Adjunct Professor, Sports Law, Winter/Spring, 2002 - Present

University of Washington School of Law

Adjunct Professor, Sports Law, 2003 – 2005

Sports Lawyers Association

ABA Forum on the Entertainment and Sports Industries

Foundation Board

Director, Everett, Washington, 2001-2003

Project Corporate Leadership, 1995-1996

A yearlong leadership program (Top 40 under 40)

Publications

Native American Athletes: Why Gambling on the Future is a Sure Bet
4 Va. Sports & Ent. L.J. 239 (2005)

Presentations

Arbitrating and Mediating Disputes

Speaker, Seattle, WA- September 2007

Collective Bargaining Agreements and Player Salaries in Professional Sports

Panelist, Sports Law Speaker Forum, Seattle University Law School - April 2005

Introduction to Sports Law Industry

Guest Speaker, University of Washington Law School Sports Law Week - April 2003

Sports & Entertainment Law Seminar

Moderator, Choices 2003 Forum, Seattle University Law School - March 2003

Sports Law Industry Overview

Choices 2002 Forum, Seattle University Law School - March 2002

Essentials for an Efficient Practice

CLE Presentation, Seattle, WA - February 2002

Effective Mentoring

CLE Presentation, Seattle, WA - September 2001

Honors & Awards

Martindale-Hubbell AV rating

Washington Law & Politics, Rising Star, 2001-2005

Moot Court Board, 1991-1992

Education

Cornell Law School, J.D., Advocacy Concentration, 1992

Baylor University, B.A., Economics and English, Dean's List, 1989
