

Ryan J. Hesselgesser

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Ryan's practice focuses on insurance coverage, alleged bad faith litigation and general advice to insurers writing policies in Washington and Oregon. He handles both first- and third-party claims and advises clients regarding coverages over a wide variety of policies, including Commercial General Liability, Homeowners, Directors & Officers Liability, Construction, Environmental Liability, Technology, Professional Liability, Commercial Excess, Maritime and Automobile.

Ryan regularly conducts presentations on Washington insurance claims handling including alleged bad faith issues. He has significant experience with IFCA, CPA and common law bad faith claims and Stipulated (Covenant) Judgments in Washington. Recently, he has assisted clients and given presentations on insurance coverage issues related to COVID-19.

PRACTICE EMPHASIS AND EXPERIENCE

- Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith Litigation

Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith Advice RECOGNITION

- Recognized as a "Rising Star" by *Super Lawyers* magazine from 2015-2022

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Obtained summary judgment for client on bad faith, IFCA claims re: whether defense or indemnity is owed.
- Successfully obtained summary judgment ruling of no coverage in professional liability coverage matter.
- Successfully defended four-day reasonableness hearing involving covenant judgment against insurer client, with court finding proposed covenant judgment settlement was unreasonable.
- Successfully mediated numerous cases for insurers, avoiding significant bad faith litigation.



CONTACT

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EDUCATION

J.D., Gonzaga University School of Law, 2008, *Magna Cum Laude*

B.S., University of Arizona, Business Administration, 2004

BAR / COURT ADMISSIONS

State of Washington

State of Oregon

U. S. District Court, Western District of Washington

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington

U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

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- Obtained favorable resolution for insurer with stipulation of no coverage from insured and client responsible for paying just 2.5% of defense costs incurred in underlying wrongful death matter.

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Washington State Bar Association
- Oregon State Bar Association
- Washington Defense Trial Lawyers Association (WDTL)
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)
- Northwest Insurance Coverage Association (NICA)
- King County Bar Association
- President of South Highline National Little League

ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter: 2021 Northwest Insurance Law Seminar: “What Is Bad Faith?”, November 2021
- Presenter: 2021 WDTL Insurance Law Seminar: Business Interruption from COVID-19, March 2021
- Presenter: “Recreational Boating Issues for Insurers”, June 2020
- Presenter: “COVID-19 Insurance Considerations”, April 2020
- Contributing Author: “2019 A Year in Review: A Look at Significant Construction-Defect Decisions Around the Country”, *Construction Claims*, Spring 2020; <http://online.pubhtml5.com/adfn/wctr/>
- Presenter: “Construction Claims 2019 Year in Review”, CLM Webinar Series, 2020
- Presenter: “Aftermath of Xia in Washington”, 2018
- Presenter: “Key Concepts in WA & OR Insurance Law”, 2017
- Presenter: “Construction Claims – Case Law and Statutory Updates”, CLM Webinar Series, 2016