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Focus

Construction & Design Insurance Litigation

Profile

Eric Kekel is a partner at Dunn Carney who leads the Insurance Defense Team. His practice focuses on construction law, commercial litigation, catastrophic personal injury defense, insurance defense and insurance coverage. Eric handles an array of litigated matters, including construction claims, business and contract disputes, products liability, and a variety of personal injury defense.

Eric has special expertise in defending construction defect and design claims, many involving complex design and engineering issues, mechanical system issues and moisture penetration. He has represented developers, architects, engineers, general contractors and subcontractors.

As the high-rise market has grown in Oregon and Washington, Eric has been at the forefront of defending high-rise construction and design defect claims. He was among the first to defend high-rise construction defect claims with his representation of the developers involved in Portland's South Waterfront. With entirely different issues surrounding high-rise and low-rise development, Eric is well-known for his experience with both.

Clients consistently rely on Eric to fully and fairly evaluate the liability and damages of a case; claims have ranged from a few hundred thousand dollars to more than \$120 million.

Before he gets to the office, Eric has for years started his morning with a run. He is an avid supporter of both the Oregon State Beavers football team and the Linfield Wildcats football team. In the fall he is often on the road to root for them.

Admissions

Oregon, 1992

Washington, 1993

U.S. District Court District of Oregon, 1992

U.S. District Court Western District of Washington, 1995

U.S. District Court Eastern District of Washington, 2000

U.S. Court of Appeals Ninth Circuit, 1997

Education

Willamette University School of Law, J.D., 1992.; *Willamette Law Review*, Note Editor, 1991-1992; *Willamette Law Review*, Associate Editor, 1990-1991

Oregon State University, B.S., Business Administration, 1983

Results & Expertise

Presentations

"Tools of Tomorrow - The role of Technology and Design, Construction and Dispute Resolution," National Construction Claims Conference, 2016

Construction Defect & Coverage Seminar, Cincinnati Insurance Company, 2016

"Case Study - The Developer vs. General Contractor/Subcontractor Cage Match," West Region Construction Defect & Insurance Coverage Conference, 2014

"Oregon Construction Industry Trends and Case Law Review," Pacific Northwest Construction Defect Seminar, 2014

"Design Professionals and Their Carriers," West Region Construction Defect & Insurance Coverage Conference, 2013

"Oregon Construction Industry Trends and Case Law Review," Pacific Northwest Construction Defect Seminar, 2013

Industries

Construction & Design

Insurance

Practice Areas

Insurance Defense

Litigation

Honors & Affiliations

Professional Affiliations

Multnomah Bar Association

American Bar Association

Oregon Association of Defense Counsel

Washington Defense Trial Lawyers

Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland, Member

Claims and Litigation Management Alliance, member, 2016-present

Community Organizations

Delta Lambda Educational Foundation, Member; Board of Directors, 1998-present