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PRACTICE AREAS

Coverage Analysis, Insurance Litigation, Claims Advice, Extracontractual Exposure Advice, Commercial Litigation, Nonprofit Organizations, Estate Planning and Business & Corporate Law.

OVERVIEW

Dave Greenberg is an attorney with Betts Patterson & Mines. Dave splits his time between the Estate Planning practice group and the Insurance Coverage and Litigation practice groups.

Dave's work in the Estate Planning practice group involves working with individuals on all aspects of their estate planning needs. Dave works with clients at all stages of their lives. He works with young families to create their first estate plans. He also works with those individuals with more substantial estates who are looking to preserve and pass their wealth to the next generation. More established estates often involve business succession planning, gifting programs, and other lifetime transfers. Each plan is unique and must be tailored to the particular needs of each client. Dave has experience preparing Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney and other related documents for clients of all types. Dave is also involved in the firm's Estate and Trust administration practice, which advises individuals and entities acting trustees or executors.

Dave has completed several post-JD, LLM courses at the University of Washington related to estate planning, the taxation of estates and gifts, and taxation of various business entities. Dave was awarded a CALI Excellence for the Future Award for his coursework in estate and gift taxation.

As part of Dave's work in the Insurance Coverage practice group, he represents insurance carriers in first and third-party coverage and bad faith matters. Dave's insurance coverage experience includes counseling carriers on obligations under their policies and compliance with the applicable law, defending carriers from contractual and extra-contractual litigation, and advising carriers in contribution and allocation disputes. Dave also regularly represents businesses and non-profit corporations in complex litigation matters. These representations include class action defense, defense of adversary proceedings in bankruptcy court, defense of homeowners' associations, and defense of catastrophic injuries.

Prior to joining Betts Patterson Mines, Dave served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Ann Marie Donio, U.S.M.J. of the United States District Court, District of New Jersey.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

Represented and advised insurance company with respect to its defense obligations for a technology company and its directors and officers against claims of breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract, conversion, interference with economic opportunity, and unlawful use of trade secrets.

Represented insurance company being sued for alleged bad-faith, breach of contract, IFCA violations, and CPA violations arising out of a coverage dispute for underlying construction defects in a residential construction project. Received favorable result for client at mediation.

Represented automobile insurance companies in numerous disputes over the value of insureds' automotive claims for property and UIM/PIP coverage. These representations include pre-suit negotiations as well as defense of contractual and extra-contractual claims.

Defended the boards of directors for two non-profit corporations that manage timeshares in Whistler, British Columbia. Plaintiffs brought a class action in Washington for mismanagement of corporate assets under the Consumer Protection Act and for conversion. Removed the case to federal court under the Class Action Fairness Act and prevailed on a motion to dismiss all claims against our clients.

Defended homeowner's association against suit by homeowner who sought to build a structure in violation of the community's view covenants. Successfully defended HOA to complete dismissal of the case.

Defended commercial food producer in adversary proceeding in bankruptcy court. Client purchased assets from the bankruptcy estate of another food producer. Plaintiff owned property where assets had been stored and alleged that our client committed timber trespass, conversion, and was generally negligent when removing purchased assets from the property. Successfully defended client to favorable settlement.

EDUCATION

Temple University Beasley School of Law, J.D. *magna cum laude*, 2011

Managing Editor, Temple Law Review

Boston University, B.A. *cum laude*, 2005

ADMISSIONS

Washington State Bar, 2013

Pennsylvania State Bar, 2011 (inactive)

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Super Lawyers, "Rising Stars" (2016-2017)

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

Washington State Bar Association
King County Bar Association
American Bar Association
Washington Defense Trial Lawyers
Northwest Insurance Coverage Association

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Contributing Author, [Insurance Commando Blog](#), (June 2014).

Author, *Neglected Formalities in the Mortgage Assignment Process and the Resulting Effects on Residential Foreclosures*, 83 TEMPLE L. REV. 253 (2010)