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PRACTICE AREAS

Defense Litigation, Employment Law, Professional Liability, Non-Profit Organizations, Nursing Home & Residential Facilities and Sexual Impropriety & Abuse Claims

OVERVIEW

Steve Goldstein has defended a wide range of clients from large national corporations to non-profits and religious institutions in cases involving employment, professional malpractice including insurance brokers and attorneys, nursing home and personal injury claims. By recognizing that each client has unique objectives and needs, Mr. Goldstein approaches resolution of each claim to meet the goals of the client, whether it be through early negotiation, alternative dispute resolution, aggressive litigation, or trial. By defending with diligence and professionalism each of the thousands of cases he has handled to conclusion over the course of his thirty year career, he has earned widespread respect and recognition from his clients and peers.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Defended a large non-profit organization in a Fair Housing Act and State Anti-Discrimination Statutes case. Successfully obtained a dismissal on summary judgment since there was no legal basis for joining a private owner from selling its property.
- Prevailed in a summary judgment motion for a national insurance broker in a federal lawsuit claiming a \$6 million loss for underinsuring a private jet. The case is currently on appeal in the 9th Circuit.
- Defended a debt adjustment service in a class action lawsuit. Plaintiff, on behalf of a putative class, sued our clients, who engage in debt adjusting services for debtors, on the basis that they allegedly violated Washington's Debt Adjusting Act, RCW 18.28. We have successfully moved the case to AAA arbitration by enforcing the arbitration provision in the parties' contract and are prepared to argue, based on the recent United States Supreme Court's decisions in *Stolt-Neilson S.A. v. Animal Feeds Int'l Corp.*, 130 S. Ct. 1758 (2010) and *AT & T Mobile LLC v. Concepcion*, 131 S. Ct. 1740 (2011), that the subject arbitration clause does not permit class action arbitration.
- Defended an employer in a wrongful termination case. Our client was sued for wrongful termination in violation of a public policy after it terminated the employment of one of its insurance agents because the agent refused to quit coaching baseball during the summer, an event that caused him to miss work and caused him to neglect the needs of his clients. Successfully obtained summary judgment dismissal against an alleged wrongful discharge claim in the Eastern Washington District Federal Court.

- Represented an attorney in a malpractice case in which plaintiff was seeking to expand the duties owed to third parties. Obtained a summary judgment dismissing all claims.
- Defended a religious brotherhood in some 60 sexual abuse claims from 1939 through the 1970's arising out of an orphanage and a private school. We successfully litigated to mitigate the claimed damages through extensive motion practice, intensive investigation efforts, and aggressive deposition practice, including defeating an punitive damages motion which would have had a dramatic impact on the damages exposure.
- Represented a non-profit corporation in a sexual harassment suit. Won a dismissal in state court in Eastern Washington after discovery that plaintiff had falsified a document used in support of her case.
- Represented a national trucking company in a wage and hour case involving 13 drivers who claimed overtime violations and that they were not provided their lunch and rest breaks. Successfully negotiated an equivalent overtime pay provision with the Department of Labor and Industries and obtained a summary judgment dismissal of all claims.
- Represented a non-profit in a sexual harassment complaint filed in Federal Court that was dismissed on summary judgment on the basis that the alleged harassment was not severe and pervasive.
- Represented King County Juvenile Court in a race discrimination case brought by three juvenile jail facility employees. Obtained a summary judgment of dismissal in Federal Court.
- Represented a nursing home in a race and age discrimination case which was dismissed on summary judgment. That dismissal was upheld by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Represented a large regional meat processor in an e-coli case that was successfully tried to verdict.

EDUCATION

Willamette University, J.D. *cum laude*, 1980

Simon Fraser University, B.A., 1976

ADMISSIONS

Washington State Bar, 1980

United States District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Washington

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

AV® Preeminent, Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell

Super Lawyers (2003-2007, 2009-2017)

Super Lawyers *Corporate Counsel Edition* in the

Employment Litigation Defense practice area (2008, 2009)

Seattle Met Magazine, "Top Lawyers" Employment Practice Area (2010)

'Top Attorney' in *Washington CEO*, "Top Washington 2007" Book of Lists

Washington CEO, "League of Justice" (2006)

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

Federal Bar Association

Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel

King County Bar Association

Member, Labor Law Section

Experienced Counsel.
Excellent Company.



The Harmonie Group
Chair, Employment Committee
Washington State Bar Association
Member, Labor and Employment Law Section