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 Senior Counsel

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Frank Langfitt provides mediation and arbitration services for a wide range of disputes, with a focus on those related to insurance coverage and corporate governance disputes. Frank has been a successful litigation attorney for more than 46 years in state and federal courts and arbitration.

Insurance

Early in his practice, Frank represented insurance companies on coverage issues, including general liability, property, directors & officers, and homeowners coverage issues. After a period where he no longer represented insurers, he began representing policy holders in environmental, general liability, property, and directors & officers coverage disputes. These experiences make Frank uniquely situated to provide insurance coverage mediation and arbitration services because of the depth of his experience on both sides of the issues.

Corporate Governance

Frank has represented directors, officers, shareholders, and companies regarding corporate issues, including governance and conduct. His representation has included providing advice on corporate governance, risk litigation, and litigation representation.

Frank works with attorneys to design a mediation process that will assist the parties with a goal of a fair and efficient process.

Professional Activities

- Federal Bar Association, Oregon Chapter
 - board of directors, 2009-2013
- Oregon State Bar
 - *OSB Litigation Journal*, editorial board, 1993-1998

Civic Activities

- Campaign for Equal Justice
 - board of directors, 1997-present
 - board chair, 2010-2012
- Literary Arts
 - board of directors, 2008-2014
 - treasurer, 2011-2013

Education

J.D., University of Oregon
School of Law, 1973

B.A., Stanford University,
1969

Bar Admissions

Oregon, 1973

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals for
the District of Columbia

U.S. Court of Appeals for
the Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court, District
of Oregon

- Boys and Girls Aid Society
 - board of directors, Portland president, 1996-1997

Representative Experience

Litigation

- Represented closely held corporation in successful resolution of shareholder dispute over control.
- Represented shareholder in closely held corporation to resolve squeeze out by controlling shareholder/relative.
- Represented LLC member in dispute over control of company and rights to intellectual property.
- Represented minority corporation shareholder of closely held corporation in dispute over corporate control and waste of corporate assets.
- Represented founding shareholder/former CEO from shareholder claims of self-dealing, mismanagement, and securities fraud.
- Represented FDIC-R in several lawsuits involving breach of fiduciary duty and mismanagement by directors and officers of failed banks.
- Represented dairy farmer insureds against insurer for coverage of theft, vandalism, and property damage, resulting in jury verdict for the full amount claimed.

Publications

- “Chapter 28: Directors and Officers Insurance,” Oregon State Bar BarBooks™, *Insurance Law in Oregon 2020 Edition*, author (May 2020)
- “Important Policyholder Win in the Oregon Court of Appeals: Contractors—This Is Good News,” Miller Nash Graham & Dunn, *The NW Policyholder* (May 2017)
- “BEWARE—The Pollution Exclusion Is Alive in Oregon,” Miller Nash Graham & Dunn, *The NW Policyholder* (Mar. 2017)
- “The Latest on the Duty to Defend in Oregon,” Miller Nash Graham & Dunn, *The NW Policyholder* (Dec. 2016)
- “What’s in a Relationship? Part 1,” Miller Nash Graham & Dunn, *The NW Policyholder* (Aug. 2016)
- “Chalk Up a Cyber-Coverage Win for the Policyholder,” Miller Nash Graham & Dunn, *The NW Policyholder* (Apr. 2016)
- “Attorney-Client Privilege Gets Tricky With In-House Counsel,” *Portland Business Journal* (Apr. 2011)
- “Oregon Supreme Court Enforces Insurance Anti-Assignment Clause Affecting Both Plaintiffs and Defendants” (Nov. 2006)

Presentations

- “Cyber Risk for Corporate Counsel and Risk Managers—What You and Your Company Need to Know,” Vestas Wind Energy, CLE presentation (June 2017)

Recognition & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*®
 - Named “Lawyer of the Year” in Litigation—ERISA (Portland), 2020
 - Commercial Litigation, 2008-present
 - Litigation—ERISA, 2011-present
 - Product Liability Litigation—Defendants, 2011-present
- Recognized as an “Oregon Litigation Star” by *Benchmark Litigation*
 - General Commercial Litigation, Insurance Coverage, Product Liability, 2008-2014
 - Oregon Litigation Star, 2013-2014

- Selected for inclusion as an Oregon Super Lawyer, 2006-present
- Recognized as a “Leader in Their Field” by *Chambers USA* for General Commercial Litigation
- Rated AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell®

Personal Activities

In his spare time, Frank plays squash, works out, rides his road bike, and enjoys reading and spending time with his family.