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“I believe that understanding my clients’ businesses is the key to providing effective and proactive advice. One of the most rewarding parts of my practice has been learning the unique nuances of how my clients do business—whether that story is how the client executes an IPO, syndicates bonds, or makes solar panels.”

Edward Decker counsels companies, financial institutions, and individuals in disputes with other companies, government regulators, and class-action plaintiffs. Edward has experience representing clients in complex commercial matters, ranging from antitrust and securities class actions to corporate governance, M&A, and contract disputes. He also regularly represents clients, including banks and broker-dealers, in responding to investigations conducted by the Department of Justice, Federal Trade Commission, Securities and Exchange Commission, FINRA, and other regulators covering a range of substantive topics, including anticompetitive conduct, corporate scandal, bribery, and financial crimes.

In addition to counseling clients already involved in disputes, Edward advises clients on pre-dispute risk management, including advising on the antitrust components of contemplated transactions, developing policies and procedures to ensure best practices, and running internal investigations in response to possible employee misconduct.

Before joining Miller Nash, Edward practiced as a litigation associate in the New York office of Shearman & Sterling LLP.

Professional Activities

- Multnomah Bar Association, Member
 - CLE Committee, Member, 2023-2026
- Oregon State Bar, Member

Representative Experience

Business & Banking Litigation

- Representing a receiver charged with recovering assets for the benefit of victims of a decade-long Ponzi scheme in adjunct litigation against the perpetrators of the scheme.

Education

J.D., New York University
School of Law, 2012

- Articles Editor, *Annual Survey of American Law*

B.A., University of
Michigan, philosophy and
Russian, 2006

Bar Admissions

Oregon, 2019
Washington, 2021
New York, 2013

Languages

Russian

- Representing a large Oregon-based sales and distribution company in a complex contractual dispute with a manufacturer.
- Representing Northwest-based companies in international arbitration for disputes with foreign suppliers and customers.
- Represented a commodities seller in response to an investigation by a state regulator.
- Represented a technology start-up in a lawsuit concerning the sale of cryptotokens and their status as securities.
- Represented a publicly traded business services company in a putative derivative lawsuit and in disputes with a terminated former officer.

Other Advice & Litigation

- On summary judgment, successfully established that the defendants breached contracts with investors, causing damages exceeding \$11 million and that defendants are personally liable by piercing the corporate veil, and establishing that defendants are liable to investors for breaching their fiduciary duties.
- Advising Northwest companies engaged in joint ventures with competitors on antitrust compliance in connection with those joint ventures.
- Representing a public entity and certain individuals who are victims of online defamation and doxing.
- Representing pro bono an incarcerated person alleging prison officials violated his 8th Amendment rights.

Prior to Joining Miller Nash LLP

- Represented manufacturers and technology companies in lawsuits alleging violations of antitrust, unfair competition, and consumer protection laws.
- Represented global banks in government investigations and class action litigations concerning purported violations of the antitrust laws related to various financial products.
- Represented corporations and investment banks in shareholder derivative actions challenging major strategic transactions and corporate governance under the corporate laws of Delaware and other states.
- Conducted internal investigations on behalf of global banks in connection with bribery payments, corporate scandals, and in response to requests from federal and state regulators.

Publications

- “Ninth Circuit Expands Securities Seller Liability to Social Media Promoters,” Miller Nash, *Bank Law Monitor*, coauthor (Jan. 2023)
- “Foreign Arbitration Clauses in Insurance Policies: Oregon Federal Court Enforces Clause—A Cautionary Tale for Domestic Businesses,” Miller Nash, *The Northwest Policyholder*, coauthor (June 2021)
- “Ninth Circuit Affirms That “Cascading Scandals” and a General Stock-Price Decline are Insufficient to Establish Loss Causation under California Securities Law,” Miller Nash, *Bank Law Monitor*, coauthor (May 2021)
- “Ninth Circuit Revives State-Law Class Action Claims against Financial Advisor,” Miller Nash Graham & Dunn, *Bank Law Monitor* (Mar. 2021)

Presentations

- “E-Discovery: Recent Developments and Best Practices,” Multnomah Bar Association, cospeaker (Mar. 2022)

Recognition & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® (Portland, OR)
 - Litigation—Antitrust, 2024
- Selected for inclusion as an Oregon Super Lawyer—Rising Star, 2023-2024

Personal Activities

Edward enjoys rock climbing, skiing, and cooking for his wife and children.