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“Representing litigants on appeal involves careful and mindful work, as well as a keen sense of how a client’s particular needs fit within the broader fabric of the law. In serving our clients, I draw on a broad variety of litigation experience and a particular passion for the challenges of public law.”

Aaron Landau focuses his practice on appellate advocacy and complex issues of public law. He represents both public entities and private clients in appeals of civil litigation, including business disputes, torts, and administrative decisions.

Aaron works extensively with public bodies and officials on issues that shape governance and accountability, such as state and local elections, public records matters, and state constitutional questions. He has also handled a wide range of business and commercial disputes, ranging from health care to product liability. His approach emphasizes thoughtful analysis, collaboration, and service, whether advocating in the appellate courts or advising clients on complex legal questions.

In addition to his work as an attorney, Aaron teaches a course in Oregon civil procedure at the University of Oregon School of Law. Before becoming an attorney, Aaron was a founding member and bassist for a modern jazz ensemble in Portland.

Professional Activities

- Lane County Bar Association, Member
- Multnomah Bar Association, Member
- Oregon Association of Defense Counsel, Member
- Oregon State Bar
 - Appellate Section, Executive Committee, Member, 2014-2019
 - Oregon Rules of Appellate Procedure Committee, Member, 2018-2019
 - Administrative Law Section
 - Chair, 2026-present
 - Executive Committee, Member, 2023-present
- American Bar Association

Education

J.D., University of Oregon School of Law, 2009

- Managing Editor, *Oregon Law Review*

B.A., Lewis & Clark College, political science, 2003

Bar Admissions

Oregon, 2009

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 2009

U.S. District Court, District of Oregon, 2009

Representative Experience

Litigation

- Successfully reduced jury's award against defendant by \$20 million on post-trial motions; then, on appeal before the Oregon Court of Appeals, obtained reversal of judgment against defendant altogether. *Brenda Ibarra v. Ameron Int'l Corp.*, 333 Or. App. 290 (2024)*
- Prevailed on behalf of school district and superintendent in free-speech claims arising from student protests; then, successfully defended district court's judgment before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. *Lucas Burwell, et al v. Portland Public Schools*, 857 Fed. Appx. 377 (2021)*
- Prevailed in three related cases that challenged several proposed ballot measures in Lane County for compliance with Oregon's election laws; then, on appeal before the Oregon Court of Appeals and Oregon Supreme Court, successfully defended the trial court's judgment on appeal in all three cases. *Stanton Long v. Cheryl Betschart, et al.*, (2017-2021)*
- Helped to represent Oregon School Boards Association, five Oregon school districts, and several related public bodies in litigation concerning the effects of PERS reforms, both in evidentiary proceedings before a Special Master and on appeal before the Oregon Supreme Court. *Everice Moro, et al. v. State of Oregon, et al.* Oregon (2014-15).*

*Prior to joining Miller Nash

Publications

- *Oregon Practice & Procedure*, University of Oregon (2009 through 2025 editions), with Karsten Rasmussen and Maurice Holland
- "Chapter 12: Separation of Powers," Oregon State Bar, *Oregon Constitutional Law* (2022 edition), coauthor (2022)
- "Chapter 9: Governmental Units & Officers," *Oregon Civil Pleading and Litigation* (2020 edition), coauthor (2020)
- "Comments, Followers and Friends—Government Social Media Accounts and the First Amendment," Oregon State Bar, *Bulletin* (July 2019)
- "State v. Hemenway: What Should the Court Do With a Decision it Shouldn't Have Been Able to Make?" Oregon State Bar, *Constitutional Law Newsletter* (2013)
- "Governmental Units and Officers," *Oregon Civil Pleading and Practice* (2011 edition), coauthor (2011)
- "Punitives, Damaged: The Troubling Due Process Implications of Philip Morris v. Williams, and a Sounder Approach to Litigating Third-Party Harm," *Oregon Law Review* (Fall 2008)

Presentations

- "Post-Trial Practice," Deschutes Bar Association CLE (Mar. 2021)
- "Post-Trial Matters," Multnomah Bar Association, Young Litigators' Forum CLE (Mar. 2019)
- "Key Distinctions Between State and Federal Appeals," Oregon State Bar, Appellate Section CLE (2016)
- "Public Meetings Law and Dumdi v. Handy—Understanding and Litigating Public Meetings Issues," Oregon State Bar, Government Law Section CLE (Sept. 2011)

Recognition & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (Portland, OR)
 - Administrative/Regulatory Law, 2024-present
 - Appellate Practice, 2024-present
 - Commercial Litigation, 2027-present
- Selected for inclusion as an Oregon Super Lawyer—Rising Star, 2013-2019