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Peder Rigsby's practice includes a variety of areas in casualty and commercial litigation in both state and federal court of Oregon and Washington. His practice emphasizes insurance defense, products liability, wrongful death and catastrophic injury, professional malpractice, employment litigation, and general commercial litigation.

Prior to joining Bullivant, Peder practiced insurance defense, construction defect, and general civil litigation. Peder has handled complex litigation, including multi-party construction defect cases. His role as a former extern for a state Supreme Court justice and law clerk for two state trial court judges has given him a broad range of legal experience.

Product Liability & Commercial Litigation

Defended seller of concrete patching repair compound against claims for the defective product, indemnity, breach of contract, and breach of warranties. Successfully briefed and argued a motion to dismiss and a motion for summary judgment, resulting in the dismissal of numerous claims and, ultimately, resulted in a favorable settlement.

Premises Liability

Defended national clothing retailer in a premises liability matter. The plaintiff alleged significant personal injuries for an alleged slip and fall in the client's store. Established that there was no evidence of the incident occurring and that the plaintiff's injuries were unrelated, which resulted in a nominal settlement.

Property Damage

Successfully defended a towing company in arbitration involving a claim that the tow operator negligently damaged a vehicle during a tow operation.

Workplace Injury

Represented asbestos remediation company against a claim for negligence and a claim under Oregon's Employer Liability Law. Persuaded the plaintiff's counsel to drop the case after filing a motion for summary judgment on the grounds that the claims were barred under Oregon's workers' compensation "exclusive remedy" statute.

Sexual Abuse

Successfully briefed an extensive motion for summary judgment dismissing claims for sexual abuse allegedly committed by the client's teacher at a private, religious school. The plaintiff was



seeking several million dollars, including punitive damages, against Bullivant's client.

Commercial Litigation & Consumer Protection

Defended warranty company against claims for fraud, financial abuse of a vulnerable person, and breach of contract.

Successfully defeated fraud and financial abuse claims in arbitration, resulting in a modest award against the warranty company, including persuading the arbitration panel to limit the claimant's fee petition to less than 25 percent of the requested amount.

Commercial Litigation

Represented Christmas tree seller against buyer involving claims for breach of contract, action to pierce the corporate veil, and unjust enrichment. Successfully briefed and argued motion for sanctions arising out of the defendant committing various discovery violations, resulting in the court striking the defendant's motion for summary judgment and awarding monetary sanctions in the client's favor. Successfully assisted with a briefing in opposition to the defendant's petition before the Oregon Supreme Court that challenged the trial court's ruling.

Practice Areas

Employment Counseling & Litigation
Personal & Catastrophic Injury Litigation
Product Liability
Professional Liability / D&O
Commercial Litigation

Education

Thomas M. Cooley Law School - J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2010
Portland State University - B.S. in Business Management, *cum laude, with departmental honors*, 2006

Bar Admissions

- Oregon, 2010
- Washington, 2011

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, District of Oregon
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

Professional and Civic Involvement

- Oregon Association of Defense Counsel (Member)



Awards and Honors

- Named as a "Rising Star" in Oregon *Super Lawyers* (2019, 2018, 2017 & 2016 — Personal Injury Defense: General)

Publications and Presentations

- Panelist, "Employer Liability," Perrin Conferences' Coverage and Litigation Issues Surrounding Sexual Harassment, Assault and Abuse Claims Conference (January 2020)
- Author, "Case Notes: Satisfaction of Judgments/PIP," Oregon Association of Defense Counsel (OADC), *The Verdict* (2014)
- Author, "Regulating the Payday Lending Industry: Has Michigan Made a Step in the Right Direction?" 11 T.M. Cooley J. Prac. & Clinical L. 417 (2009)

Outside Interests

Peder enjoys spending time with his wife and two children. He also enjoys outdoor activities, including camping, fishing, and boating.