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Bryce Adams represents clients across the public and private sectors in insurance law. He has managed a robust caseload and has drafted winning summary judgment motions, negotiated settlements, drafted successful challenges to the appointment of unfavorable panelists in mediations and arbitrations and analyzed insurance policies to determine coverage. Bryce approaches his practice with a clear understanding that all legal services must provide value to a client's bottom line.

Bryce received his J.D. from the Northwestern School of Law at Lewis & Clark College, where he focused on administrative law across diverse topics in the natural resources and energy fields. Before joining private practice, he served as in-house counsel for public sector contract procurement at TruePenny Ltd., a regulatory automation firm specializing in permitting and licensing technology.

Representative Work

- Drafted a winning summary judgment argument on a statutory interpretation that secured \$20 million in defense costs for a public entity client in CERCLA litigation using archival information and legislative records to defeat carrier interpretations of legacy policies.
- Negotiated settlement up to policy limits in a wrongful death action where clients' insured status was hotly disputed under homeowner's policy that did not properly list site of death as an additional insured location.
- Provided critical environmental analysis to municipal authorities during the 2014 Port of Vancouver oil terminal controversy.
- Negotiated a transfer of a \$20 million service contract for Medicare eligibility automation for the state of Hawaii.
- Acted as a specialist in archival research and deep analysis of legislative history to serve lobbying and litigation efforts.

Practice Areas

Environmental
Insurance Law

Education

Lewis & Clark Law School - J.D., 2013
University of Michigan - M.A., Middle Eastern Studies, 2010
University of Oregon - B.A., Political Science, 2004

Bar Admissions

- Oregon, 2013

Professional and Civic Involvement

- Multnomah Bar Association (Member)
- Project Management Institute International (Member)

Awards and Honors

- Lewis & Clark *Dean's Scholarship* (2010-2013)
- Defense Department Critical Language Scholar: Farsi (2008)
- Department of Education Foreign Language/Area Study Fellow: Indonesian (2009-2010)

Publications and Presentations

- Co-Editor, "Extracontractual Claims and Bad Faith," OSB Insurance Law: The Basics (2019)

Outside Interests

Bryce is a proud contributor to the Elephant Valley Project & Elie Foundation in Mondulkiri, Cambodia, and donates to the African Wildlife Foundation, Orangutan Republic, Veterans Empowered to Protect African Wildlife, and the Rainforest Action Network. It may come as no surprise, therefore, that Bryce builds his life outside the office around international travel—preferably in countries with heat, jungles, and ruins to explore.