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Profile

Mr. Scheer has a thriving litigation practice and focuses on complex and commercial litigation. He is admitted in Federal and State Court, as well as the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a trial lawyer. He has tried cases in professional and products liability, trucking, admiralty, collapse, insurance coverage, construction, breach of contract, construction defect, property insurance, bad faith, civil forfeiture, subrogation, personal injury, wrongful foreclosure, trespass and criminal prosecution. He has tried multiple wrongful death cases to verdict, and many other catastrophic loss trials. He is also routinely retained as monitoring counsel or excess counsel on very large, high exposure, and high profile cases (including multiple cases with excess of \$100-\$250 million exposure).

Mr. Scheer was both trial and appellate counsel in *Cunningham vs. State*, 61 Wn. App. 562 (1991), *Schwindt vs. Lloyd's of London*, 81 Wn. App. 293 (1996) and *Seattle Pump Co., Inc. vs. Traders and General Ins. Co.*, 93 Wash. App. 743 (1999), all of which established new law favorable to defendants and insurers in the state of Washington. Among other reported cases, Mr. Scheer was also both trial and appellate counsel in *Weiland vs. Gordon*, 93 Wash. App. 1078, (1999), *Law vs. Pagtaluna*, 166 Or. App. 551 (2000), *Hill vs. Jawanda Transport, Ltd.*, 96 Wash. App. 537 (1999), *Teja vs. Brar*, 106 Wash. App. 1013 (2001), *Boyer vs. Robertson*, 110 Wash. App. 1028, (2002), and *Klotz vs. Dehkoda*, 134 Wn. App. 261, (2006), five of which involved wrongful death suits, and the sixth involving

Areas of practice

Business/Commercial Litigation
Construction
Insurance Coverage
Premises Liability
Products Liability
Appellate

Admitted to Practice

- Washington State & Federal
- Oregon State & Federal
- Idaho State
- Alaska State

Academics

- University of Oregon School of Law (J.D., 1986)
- University of Oregon (B.S., Rhetoric & Communication, 1982)

significant claims for personal injury instituted in the U.S. and dismissed to foreign jurisdictions based on forum non conveniens. The dismissals were affirmed on appeal. He was also trial and co-appellate counsel in *Commonwealth Ins. Co. of Am. Vs. Grays Harbor County*, 120 Wn. App. 232, 84 P.3d 304 (2004), a successful appellate decision from a declaratory judgment action involving first party coverage and building code upgrade coverage. Mr. Scheer was also trial and appellate counsel in *Schutz vs. La Costita III, Inc.*, 256 Or. App. 573 (2013), which established new law favorable to defendants in a dram shop case.

Mr. Scheer speaks regularly at numerous international and national conferences, and he has appeared on ABC's Good Morning America, discussing a product liability case in which he was lead counsel. Mr. Scheer has received his "AV" rating from Martindale-Hubbell, which is the highest peer based rating indicating very high to preeminent legal abilities and highest ethical rating. Mr. Scheer has been selected multiple times by Washington Law & Politics magazine as a Washington State Super Lawyer, numerous times including the last 6 years in a row.

Mr. Scheer is a member of Themis Advocates Group, the International Association of Defense Counsel, the Loss Executive Association, the Defense Research Institute, and the Council on Litigation Management (where he served as the first Co-Chair for Washington State). Mr. Scheer is also a member of the Washington Defense Trial Lawyers ("WDTL"), where he served four years as a Trustee on the Board of Directors for WDTL and also served as the Chair of the Construction Committee and Chair of the Judicial Liaison Committee.

In addition to his admission to the Washington Bar in 1987, Mr. Scheer is also admitted to practice in Oregon, Idaho and Alaska. He

has handled and managed cases in multiple jurisdictions, and he has tried cases and argued appeals in Oregon, Washington and Alaska. Mr. Scheer received his J.D. from the University of Oregon Law School in 1986 and his B.S. in Rhetoric and Communication from the University of Oregon in 1982.

Affiliations

- Washington Bar Association
- King County Bar Association
- International Association of Defense Counsel
- Themis Advocates Group
- Loss Executive Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Counsel on Litigation Management (Former Co-Chair for Washington)
- Washington Defense Trial Lawyers
- Oregon Association of Defense Counsel