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OVERVIEW

John Bjorkman focuses his practice on civil litigation and arbitration, and has tried a wide range of cases in the environmental, hazardous waste, commercial and business-to-business, technology, and public education fields. His recent cases include the ongoing allocation of over US$350 million of Superfund cleanup at a multi-party sediment cleanup site, successful resolution of a municipal government's liability for over US$40 million in past and future environmental cleanup claims for PCBs in marine sediments arising out of airport operations and stormwater discharges at two related sites, a constitutional challenge to Washington State's annual shortfall in special education funding for public school districts, and litigation in Texas state and Bankruptcy court with a national tax shelter promoter. John has successfully arbitrated cases under commercial and international arbitration rules, and prosecuted and defended appeals in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and in all Washington state courts.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Before joining the firm, John was a law clerk to the Honorable Walter T. McGovern, Chief US District Court Judge for the Western District of Washington in Seattle (1983-85).

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Maintains an A/V rating with Martindale-Hubbell
- Selected to the Washington Super Lawyers List
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 2013

EDUCATION

- J.D., Seattle University School of Law, 1983 *cum laude*
- B.A., Seattle Pacific University, 1980 *cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Washington
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington
- United States District Court for the Western District of Washington

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Toxic Tort Litigation, Chapter 11 (ABA 2007)
- MTCA Handbook: Cleanup and Litigation under the Washington State Superfund (Classic Day 2004)

NEWS & EVENTS

- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 19 August 2021, Nearly 300 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2022 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Environment and Energy
- Insurance Recovery and Counseling
- Mass Tort
- Product Liability