



## **Bill P. Taaffe**

**PARTNER**  
btaaffe@smithfreed.com

### **Oregon Office**

111 SW 5TH AVE  
SUITE 4300  
PORTLAND, OR 97204  
P. 503.227.2424  
F. 503.227.2535

### **Practice Areas**

Commercial Liability Defense

### **Education**

Lewis and Clark Law School, J.D.

Temple University, M.A., Education

University of Oregon, B.A., Political  
Science

### **Bar Admissions**

Oregon  
Washington

### **Certification & Accolades**

Member, Oregon State Bar  
Association

Member, Washington State Bar  
Association

Member, Multnomah Bar  
Association

Member, Oregon Association of  
Defense Counsel

Member, Claims and Litigation  
Management Alliance

Admitted, United States District  
Court for the District of Oregon

Black Belt Trial Advocacy  
Training Program



**SMITH | FREED  
EBERHARD**  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

## **Expertise Overview**

Bill specializes in commercial litigation defense – the defense of large loss or catastrophic injury claims that are covered under commercial liability insurance policies. He regularly defends claims based on premises liability, products liability, liquor liability (dram shop), defamation, commercial auto liability and general negligence.

## **Professional Background**

Prior to joining Smith Freed Eberhard in 2008, Bill was the director of a successful international study abroad program at a large educational academy in Osaka, Japan. In addition to learning the Japanese language and culture, the experience provided Bill with extensive international business skills. His international background and teaching experience give him a unique perspective while working with clients.

## **Significant Representation**

Bill has extensive experience defending large loss commercial liability claims ranging from \$50,000 to over \$10,000,000. He has successfully represented clients from all over the U.S and abroad.

RATED BY  
**Super Lawyers**

visit [superlawyers.com](http://superlawyers.com)