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Practice Areas

Construction & Development

Education

Seattle University Law School,
magna cum laude, J.D., 1995

University of Washington, B.S.
Mechanical Engineering,
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Bar Admissions

Oregon
Washington

Certification & Accolades

Member, Oregon State Bar
Association

Member, Washington State Bar
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Admitted, Oregon State Court

Admitted, Washington State Court

Admitted, Federal Court of the
District of Oregon

Expertise Overview

Bruce's practice focuses on construction defect litigation. He is a lead member of Smith Freed Eberhard's Construction and Development Group. His legal experience includes defending general contractors, subcontractors, and construction professionals with respect to landslide claims, EIFS claims, multi-family homeowner association litigation, general building envelope claims, Employer Liability Law (ELA), and mold claims.

Bruce's pre-law background includes graduating with honors in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Washington. This technical expertise proves beneficial when representing contractors and construction professionals.

Relevant Cases

Bruce has won several summary judgment motions dismissing six-figure claims against general contractors. He has represented contractors before the Court of Appeals and established important legal precedents for construction defect issues. See *Quail Hollow West Owners Assoc. v. Brownstone Quail Hollow, LLC*, 343 Or. 115 (2007); *Harris v. Suniga*, 209 Or. App. 410 (2006). He has also defended multiple personal injury and construction defect arbitrations such as brain injury claims and representing general contractors in construction defect cases.

Insights & Thought Leadership

Bruce regularly presents to Oregon and Washington construction professionals on legal issues affecting engineering and the construction industry.

