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Practice Areas

Construction & Development

Education

University of Oregon School of Law,
J.D., 1993, Order of the Coif

University of Chicago, M.A.
Anthropology, 1987

Rice University, B.A. Honors
Anthropology, minor Geology, 1985

Bar Admissions

Oregon

Certification & Accolades

ACLU of Oregon, Board of Directors
2003-2005, Vice President for
Litigation 2005

American Constitution Society
Oregon Lawyer Chapter, Board of
Directors 2006-present

Oregon Board of Bar Examiners
2001-2004, Vice Chair 2003-2004

Oregon State Bar Constitutional
Law Section, Executive Committee
2005-present, Secretary 2006,
Treasurer 2007, Chair Elect 2010

Oregon State Bar Antitrust and
Trade Regulation Section, Executive
Committee 2005-2008, Secretary
2008

Oregon Asian Pacific American Bar
Association, Advocacy Committee
Chair 2009-present

Expertise Overview

Ming has a diverse civil litigation practice in which he handles cases emphasizing in the defense of construction defect, businesses litigation and employment disputes.

Prior to joining Smith Freed Eberhard, Ming was the legal director of the Oregon affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). He was responsible for all aspects of the state affiliate's litigation program. Previously, Ming was a senior assistant attorney general for the Oregon Department of Justice where he enforced consumer protection and antitrust laws. Ming also worked for nearly ten years at Perkins Coie in Portland, Oregon where his practice focused on complex business, commercial, intellectual property, insurance coverage and product liability litigation.

Relevant Cases

Ming has represented a diverse array of clients ranging from private businesses to the State of Oregon. Ming defended a construction product manufacturer in a nationwide class action brought in federal court involving product defect, consumer protection and breach of warranty claims. He also defended in federal court a manufacturer of silicon wafer manufacturing equipment against a multi-million dollar breach of warranty and product defect claim. They settled favorably prior to trial. Ming obtained summary judgment in federal court against a claim for infringement of chemical composition patent. Ming also represented the insureds of several national insurance carriers against numerous fire-related claims across the county and Canada.

Insights & Thought Leadership

Ming has authored several publications including, "Consumer Product Reporting Requirements under the Federal Consumer Product Safety Act: A Primer for Litigators," *Litigation Journal* (Spring 2004). He also co-authored, "Warranties for the Sale of Goods under Article 2 of the UCC," *Litigation Journal* (July 2001).