

C. Matthew Andersen

Lawyer



Paralegal:
Cheryl Krengel

Matt Andersen's practice focuses on commercial and business related litigation. He is admitted at all levels of state and federal courts in Washington and Idaho. He has appeared in matters in Montana, Oregon, Alaska and California, as well as before the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Background

Matt joined Winston & Cashatt after serving three years as a prosecutor in the United States Army Judge Advocate Corps (JAG). He is a frequent lecturer on business, banking and employment issues and taught UCC Article 2 at Gonzaga School of Law as an adjunct professor. Matt has been accorded the highest lawyer rating of "AV" by Martindale-Hubbell.

Before attending law school, Matt was employed as a research associate with Braddock, Dunn & MacDonald, a defense contractor, from 1971 to 1973.

He has extensive experience and advises in disputed business transactions, construction claims, products liability and employment issues.

Disputed Business Transactions

Represents clients in cases involving breach of contract, sales, securities disputes, partnership and joint venture dissolutions, business negligence, lending relationships, foreclosures and collections.

Contract and Employment Issues

Represents clients in cases involving banking, business contracts, including employment claims and labor disputes, retaliatory firings, public and private employment agreements and discrimination issues.

Construction Claims

Clients seek counsel on a variety of issues, including bid disputes, extra work claims, changes, delays, unforeseen conditions, changed conditions and equitable adjustment claims.

Product Liability

Represents clients in cases involving defective products.

Areas of Emphasis

Commercial Litigation
Credit Crisis Litigation
Construction Litigation
Business and Corporate Litigation

Education

Gonzaga University School of Law, J.D.,
cum laude, 1976
Iowa State University, B.S. in Political
Science, 1971

Admitted to Practice

Washington State Supreme Court
Idaho State Supreme Court
U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Court of Military Appeals
U.S. District Court for the Eastern
District of Washington
U.S. District Court for the Western
District of Washington
U.S. Court of Claims
U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
Court of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Professional and Civic Activities

WSBA Judicial Recommendation Committee

Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers

Idaho State Bar Association

Past Board Member of The Lands Council

Past Member of Board of Advisors, Gonzaga University School of Law's

Commercial Law Center

Spokane County Bar Association, Past Treasurer/Board of Trustees/Past President

Past Member of the Women Helping Women Advisory Board

Reported Decisions

Johnson v. Central Valley School District, 97 Wn.2d 419, 645 P.2d 1088 (1982)

Meyers v. Newport Consolidated School District, 31 Wn.App. 145, 639 P.2d 853 (1982)

Smith v. Ohio Casualty Co., 37 Wn.App. 71, 678 P.2d 829 (1984)

Havelick v. Chobot, 851 P.2d 1010, Idaho (1993)

IPCA v. McHugh, 61 Wn.App. 403, 810 P.2d 535 (1991)

Christoffersen v. U.S., 230 Ct. Cl. 998 (1982)

Spokane County v. Specialty Auto & Trucking Painting, 103 P.3d 792 (2004) 32 Wn.App. 714

Metropolitan Services, Inc. v. City of Spokane, 649 P.2d 642 (1982)

Beal Bank v. Sarich, 161 Wn.2d 544 (2007)

Riverstone Center, et al. v. Barnes & Nobel, 436 Fed. Appx. 782, No. 10 35668 (9th Cir. 2011)

Dickson v. Avista, 153 Wn.App. 1023, No. 27745-3-III (2009)

Unpublished Decisions

Flood v. Miller, 35 Fed. Appx. 701, 2002 WL 1135932 (9th Cir) (Idaho)

