Holland & Hart



PRACTICES

Business Litigation
Environmental
Real Estate Litigation
First Amendment

INDUSTRIES

Construction and Development

EDUCATION

University of Virginia Law School, J.D., 1991
Moot Court Board
Member, Virginia Tax Review

Arizona State University, B.A., 1987
English
summa cum laude
Phi Beta Kappa
Graduate Honors College

BAR ADMISSIONS

California
Idaho

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
U.S. District Court for the District of Idaho
U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona
U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District

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Erik advocates on behalf of clients involved in complex litigation.

Technology, manufacturing, natural resources, software, construction and real estate companies in more than 20 states have turned to Erik to achieve favorable results as lead trial counsel and appellate counsel in their cases. Erik has extensive experience litigating business, software, civil fraud, class action, product, natural resources, environmental, construction, real estate and shareholder disputes.

In addition, Erik has broad experience conducting internal investigations, preparing government disclosures, and responding to state and federal investigation related to allegations of corporate wrongdoing.

Prior to joining Holland & Hart, Erik was a partner in a large, regional full-service law firm and an associate at a leading international firm.

CLIENT RESULTS

Trial and Arbitration

Lead counsel for food business alleging trade secret, breach of fiduciary, and breach of contract claims in federal court in Virginia against shareholders aligned with the Chinese government. After repeated successes in the litigation, client was able to settle the case on wholly favorable terms.

Lead counsel representing car dealerships in two-week trial against Zurich North America Insurance in which jury found for dealerships on contract, fraud, and business tort claims and awarded $5MM in compensatory damages and $6MM in punitive damages.

Lead counsel for bank defending against breach of contract and tort claims relating to construction project in Texas. Jury found in favor of client bank on all counts. Court awarded sanctions against opposing counsel.

Lead counsel for municipality in litigation with irrigation district with over $100 million dollars in environmental and infrastructure costs at issue. Success on interlocutory appeal and at trial allowed municipality to prevail.

Lead attorney for hospital in significant internal investigation stemming from broad allegations of wrongdoing by hospital executives.

Lead counsel for one of the largest energy companies in the world in high profile litigation brought by environmental group seeking to block transportation of refinery equipment and related construction project. Trial,

of Virginia
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

appellate, and administrative victories allowed client energy company to save hundreds of jobs and avoid millions in potential losses.

Lead counsel for wood treatment facility in environmental clean- up litigation brought Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. Case resolved with client avoiding clean up costs and with clean up burden imposed on different owner responsible for contamination.

Lead counsel in breach of contract and business tort action arising out of custom manufacturing relationship with Nokia. Client achieved recovery in excess of $13 million.

Lead counsel for Snake River Dairyman Association defending against tort and contract claims alleging in excess of $15 million in damages. Client prevailed on all claims after multi-week arbitration.

Served as national trial counsel for leading building materials manufacturer in product liability, toxic tort, and professional negligence cases.

Lead counsel for national contractor defending arbitration claims alleging millions in lost profits relating a proposed nuclear power plant project. Client prevailed on all claims.

Class Actions

Lead trial counsel for defendant software company in class action case in federal court in Michigan involving product liability and allegations of constitutional violations.

Lead trial counsel for defendant software manufacturer in class action in federal court in Washington involving allegations that software violates state laws prohibiting gambling.

Co-lead trial counsel for defendant manufacturing facility in six- week toxic tort class action trial in Louisiana. Plaintiffs asserted claims in excess of $100 million. Jury found in favor of client defendants on all counts.

Reported Cases

Cahoo v. SAS Institute Inc., 377 F.Supp.3d 769 (E.D. MI 2019)

Peregrine Falcon, LLC v. Piaggio, Inc., 720 Fed.Appx. 863 (9th. Cir. 2018)

Edmark Auto, Inc. v. Zurich American Insurance Co., 2019 WL 1002952 (2019)

Bonumose Biochem LLC v. Yi-Heng Zhang, 218 WL 6517455 (W.D. VA 2018)

Wilson v. PTT, LLC, 351 F.Supp.3d 1325 (W.D. WA 2018)

Cahoo v. SAS Institute Inc., 322 F.Supp.3d 772 (E.D. MI 2018)

Idaho Trust Bank v. Bankinsure, Inc., 2018 WL 934603 (2018)

S2 Automation LLC, v. Micron Technology, Inc., 283 F.R.D. 671 (D. New Mexico 2012)

Pioneer Irrigation District v. City of Caldwell, 153 Idaho 593 (Idaho 2012)

Laughy v. Idaho Transportation Dept., 149 Idaho 867 (Idaho 2010)

Pocatello Dental Group, P.C. v. Interdent Service Corporation, 2005 WL 1041398 (D. Idaho 2005)

Gray v. Tri-Way Const. Services, Inc., 147 Idaho 378 (Idaho 2009)

United States, ex rel. Lidenthal v. General Dynamics Corp., 61 F.3d 1402 (9th Cir.1995)

RECOGNITION

- Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Business Litigation, 2012-2026
- *Chambers USA*, Litigation: General Commercial, 2012-2026
- *The Best Lawyers in America®,* Commercial Litigation, 2021-2027; Litigation - Municipal, 2023-2027
- *Benchmark Litigation*, Local Litigation Star, 2024-2026
- *Idaho Business Review*, Leaders in Law, 2020

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- University of Idaho, College of Law, Adjunct Professor, Complex Litigation
- Boise Parks and Recreation Commission, Commissioner and President, 2015-present
- Boise Art Museum, Board Member, 2016-2019
- Bishop Kelly Foundation, Board Member, 1998-2004
- Public Counsel Immigration Project, pro bono attorney for political asylum applicants, 1994-1996
- American Bar Association, Member, Litigation Section Vice-chair, General Practice Section, Criminal Committee, 1995-1998
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Member, Federal Courts Committee, 1995-1997