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Jason W. Anderson focuses on appellate advocacy in Washington and Oregon and works closely with trial teams to secure key rulings and preserve issues for appeal.

Jason has handled appeals in state and federal courts for over two decades. He draws on deep experience with complex legal questions and understands how appellate courts evaluate arguments, shape doctrine, and review trial court decisions.

Clients bring Jason into high-stakes matters because he knows how to position cases for appeal and navigate the appellate process. He often works on appeals involving significant financial exposure, major commercial disputes, and legal issues that carry consequences beyond a single case. He has represented a broad range of clients, including over a dozen Fortune 500 companies.

Jason's appellate victories include precedent-setting decisions like *Matter of Estate of Petelle*, 195 Wash.2d 661 (2020) (holding that a separation agreement that settles all marital property rights waives a spouse's statutory right to intestate succession), and *Keodalah v. Allstate Insurance Company*, 194 Wash.2d 339 (2019) (disallowing insurance-bad-faith claims against claims adjusters).

Jason's practice includes full briefing and argument, major motion work, and strategic advice during trial proceedings. He helps trial teams frame legal issues, preserve key points, and build a record that supports meaningful appellate review. He also counsels clients on appellate risk and the broader impact an appeal may have on future litigation.

Before joining Carney Badley Spellman, Jason clerked for the Honorable David H. Armstrong at the Washington Court of Appeals, Division Two. He attended law school on a presidential scholarship and served as executive editor of the *Seattle University Law Review*.

Away from the office, Jason enjoys hiking and paddle boarding with his Schnoodle dog and watching his son and daughter compete in collegiate sailing.

EDUCATION

- J.D., *magna cum laude*, Seattle University School of Law (2000)
- B.A., *cum laude*, Seattle University Matteo Ricci College (1997)

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HONORS & RECOGNITION

- Best Lawyers for Appellate Law, *Best Lawyers in America* (2024-26)
- Super Lawyer, *Washington Super Lawyers Magazine* (2022-26)
- Rising Star, *Washington Super Lawyers Magazine* (2012, 2014-16)

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- State of Washington
- State of Oregon
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Washington State Bar Association (WSBA)
- Defense Research Institute (DRI), Appellate Advocacy Committee
- Washington Appellate Lawyers Association (WALA)
- King County Bar Association (KCBA), Appellate Section (past chair, 2021-22)
- Washington Defense Trial Lawyers Association (WDTL)

FEATURED APPELLATE CASES

- *Buckholtz v. Am. Optical Corp*., 25 Wn. App. 2d 1024, 2023 WL 369414 (2023) (unpublished) (reversing the judgment on an $11.2 million jury verdict because of an erroneous spoliation finding and instruction and remanding for a new trial).
- *Matter of Estate of Petelle*, 195 Wash.2d 661 (2020) (holding that a separation agreement that settles all marital property rights waives a spouse's statutory right to intestate succession).
- *Mohandessi v. Urban Venture*, LLC, 13 Wash. App. 2d 681 (2020) (affirming a summary judgment that dismissed claims against a developer relating to a condominium declaration and awarding attorney's fees).
- *Coogan v. Borg-Warner Morse Tec, Inc*., 12 Wash. App. 2d 1021, 2020 WL 824192 (2020) (unpublished) (reversing the judgment on an $81.5 million jury verdict for wrongful death from mesothelioma), rev'd, 197 Wash.2d 790 (2021).
- *Keodalah v. Allstate Insurance Co*., 194 Wash.2d 339 (2019) (reversing the intermediate appellate court's decision and disallowing insurance-bad-faith claims against claims adjusters).
- *Farzad v. Dep't of Health–Med. Quality Assurance Comm'n*, 10 Wash. App. 2d 1028, 2019 WL 4997963 (2019) (unpublished), review dismissed, 461 P.3d 1199 (2020) (affirming a summary judgment that dismissed defamation and related claims against managed-care company).
- *Tapken v. Spokane County*, 9 Wash. App. 2d 1027, 2019 WL 24776445 (2019) (unpublished) (affirming the judgment on a $12.5 million jury verdict against a municipality for personal injuries caused by dangerous road design).
- *Adamson v. Port of Bellingham*, 907 F.3d 1122 (9th Cir. 2018) (holding that a ferry-passenger ramp is not analogous to a gangplank and thus is not a basis for admiralty jurisdiction over a negligence action).

- *George E. Failing Co. v. Cascade Drilling, Inc*., 197 Wash. App. 1019, 2016 WL 7470094 (2016) (unpublished) (affirming a $1.6 million sanction for bad-faith litigation).
- *Tapken v. Spokane County*, 192 Wash. App. 1012, 2016 WL 181566 (2016) (unpublished) (reversing the dismissal of a personal-injury action during trial and remanding for trial).
- *Millican v. N.A. Degerstrom, Inc.*, 177 Wash. App. 881 (2013), review denied, 179 Wash.2d 1026 (2014) (reversing the judgment on a jury verdict for the defense in a wrongful-death lawsuit and remanding for a new trial).
- *Barabin v. AstenJohnson*, 730 F.3d 457 (9th Cir. 2014) (en banc) (vacating the judgment on a $10.2 million jury verdict and establishing the proper remedy for erroneous admission of expert testimony).
- *Aldridge v. Aldridge*, 175 Wash. App. 1017, 2013 WL 2904289 (2013) (unpublished) (remanding for modification of child-support order).
- *Cummings v. Budget Tank Removal & Environmental Services*, 163 Wash. App. 379 (2011) (affirming the judgment on $1.6 million arbitration award for breach of contract and violation of the Consumer Protection Act; appellate fees awarded).
- *Young v. Regence BlueShield*, 389 Fed. Appx. 692 (9th Cir. 2010) (affirming the dismissal of claims under an ERISA plan for failure join required parties).
- *In re Marriage of Rockwell,* 156 Wash. App. 1046, 2010 WL 2670848 (2010) (unpublished) (vacating a division of marital property and remanding for new division).
- *Higgins v. Intex Recreation Corp*., 123 Wash. App. 821 (2004) (affirming a $7.5 million products-liability verdict).

PUBLICATIONS

- "Disqualification and Recusal of Federal Appellate Judges," *For the Defense* (DRI), February 2019
- "Expansion of Judicial Review of Arbitration Awards," *Appellate Practice*, March 2017
- "Ten Points on Preservation of Error," *For the Defense* (DRI), March 2016
- *Practice Compendium, Chapter 63: Insider's Guide to the Washington State Appellate Courts* (ABA 2012)

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Jason was chair of the Appellate Section of the King County Bar Association for 2021-22. He has regularly organized and moderated presentations to the section, including on "The Role of Appellate Counsel at Trial" and "Handling Clients on Appeal."

Jason has participated in planning seminars for DRI's Appellate Advocacy Committee since 2018. He formerly served as the Committee's 2024 Program Vice Chair. At the Committee's 2019 seminar in Chicago, Jason moderated a panel of judges and an academic on "Judicial Ethics: Disqualification and Recusal." Over 200 appellate judges and practitioners attended the presentation as a joint session of the Committee and the National Foundation for Judicial Excellence (NFJE).