



Gregory L. Harper

Areas of Practice:

General litigation
Insurance coverage
Construction defects
Business disputes

Education:

Gonzaga University School of Law, JD 1997

Duke University, B.A. 1988

Admitted to Practice:

Washington State Courts
United States District Court – Washington
United States District Court – Oregon
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

Awards / Recognition

Washington *Super Lawyers* – 2005, 2007-2015 (Ranked among Top 100 *Super Lawyers* in Washington, 2014)

Greg is the founding member of Harper | Hayes PLLC. Greg represents business and property owners in all types of disputes, including those arising out of the construction, real estate, banking, and securities industries. A large part of Greg's practice involves representing his clients in court against insurance companies in bad faith and coverage litigation. Those disputes involve every conceivable type of insurance product on the market, including General Liability, Builder's Risk, Professional Liability, Directors & Officers, Employment Practice, and First-Party Property insurance.

Greg's clients typically bring high-stakes legal problems to the table. Greg delivers solutions by helping clients define their objectives and design an action plan to achieve those objectives. He is equally comfortable delivering results at the negotiation table or in the courtroom. He has tried cases to the bench and jury in state and federal courts, and has handled appellate work for his clients in the Washington Court of Appeals, the Washington Supreme Court, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Representative Cases:

- Recovered \$6.3 million for Seattle condominium owners association from property insurers that initially denied a water damage claim in its entirety.
- Recovered \$3.5 million for international general contractor client from several insurance companies in a dispute involving a major metropolitan light rail project.
- Recovered \$2 million for small business owner in dispute with liability insurer over coverage for professional defamation.
- Obtained \$2.3 million judgment on behalf of client against excess insurance carrier which denied coverage for an arbitration award.
- Recovered \$1.5 million for Seattle homeowner whose insurance companies initially refused to defend and indemnify him against a lawsuit filed by the City of Seattle.
- Recovered \$1 million for Spokane apartment owner from insurance company that initially told owner that "none of the damage is covered."
- Recovered \$900,000 for Seattle apartment owner from property insurers who refused to pay for "collapse" damage.
- Recovered \$820,000 for Everett apartment owner for water damage claim.
- Recovered \$750,000 for Seattle condominium owners association facing a large repair project because the developer failed to complete the building envelope.
- Recovered \$750,000 from a Directors & Officers insurer to reimburse HOA board member clients for defending an arbitration proceeding.
- Recovered \$600,000 for Ballard apartment owner for repairs to damaged sheathing and framing.
- Recovered \$1.2 million for North Seattle condominium association from several property insurers who refused to pay a water damage and "collapse" claim.
- Recovered in excess of \$2 million for Bellevue owners association in construction defect lawsuit.