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Steve provides clients with responsive, effective, and efficient solutions to complicated problems. Steve's litigation practice focuses on complex business, securities, insurance coverage, and consumer disputes. He also regularly provides counsel to progressive causes and candidates regarding Oregon and local elections law.

Steve represents both individuals and institutions, predominantly as plaintiffs, in state and federal trial courts, before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), and before other arbitration and regulatory bodies. He has briefed and argued appellate matters before the Oregon Court of Appeals, the Oregon Supreme Court, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Steve has also served as an arbitrator the past several years. His clients value his straightforward but strategic approach to resolving disputes both in and out of the courtroom, and his special expertise in navigating politically sensitive matters.

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 1994

Amherst College, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1989

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Oregon State Bar, 1995

U.S. District Court, Oregon

U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Stoll Berne

Shareholder, 2014-present
Of Counsel, 2001-2008; 2010-2013

Our Oregon

Counsel and Research Director, 2008-2010

Steven C. Berman, Attorney

Sole Practitioner, 1999-2001

Ball Janik LLP

Associate, 1997-1999

Hon. Susan P. Graber (Oregon Supreme Court)

Judicial Law Clerk, 1994-1996

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Oregon State Bar

House of Delegates, Region 5, 2018-2020
Procedure and Practice Committee, 2012-2015; Chair, 2015

Oregon Trial Lawyers Association

Board of Governors, 2016-present
Business Litigation Committee, Co-Chair, 2012-2015
Amicus Committee, 2002-2004
New Lawyers' Committee, 2001-2002

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Oregon Lawyers Against Hunger

Board of Directors, 2002-2005

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Board of Directors, 2009-2015

WaterWatch of Oregon

Board of Directors, 2005-2010

PUBLICATIONS

"Pretrial and ORCP 21 Motions," author, *Oregon Civil Pleading and Litigation*, 2020 Edition

AWARDS

Benchmark Litigation

2024

Martindale-Hubbell

AV* Rated

Oregon Super Lawyers

2012-2023

Oregon Trial Lawyers Association

Arthur H. Bryant Public Justice Award, 2005

The Best Lawyers in America®

2015-2024

Lawyer of the Year, Portland: Litigation – Antitrust, 2021
Lawyer of the Year, Portland: Litigation – Insurance, 2019