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Shane's practice focuses on commercial litigation and intellectual property law. With a background in engineering, he approaches his cases with a technical understanding on which many of his clients rely.

His commercial litigation practice includes intellectual property, bankruptcy, employment, construction, real estate, and other commercial disputes. He also counsels clients on intellectual property transactions, including matters involving employment issues, patents, trademarks, trade secrets, and copyrights.

Shane also assists clients in a wide variety of pro bono matters, including several cases brought under the Hague Convention and other child custody disputes.

PRACTICES

Commercial Litigation
Bankruptcy, Restructuring, and Creditors' Rights
Labor and Employment
Intellectual Property
Patent Prosecution, Counseling and Opinions
Copyrights
IP Litigation
Trademarks and Foreign Portfolio Management
Banking and Financial Institutions
Financial Institutions Litigation
Distressed Assets

EDUCATION

University of Montana School of Law,
J.D., 1998
With Honors
Montana Law Review, Managing Editor

Montana State University, B.S., 1995
Electrical Engineering
Sigma Chi Fraternity

BAR ADMISSIONS

Montana
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
U.S. District Court for the District of Montana

EXPERIENCE

Shane has tried and argued appellate cases in the following jurisdictions, where he is admitted to practice:

Federal

- Montana Federal District Court
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Federal Circuit Court of Appeals

State Courts

- Montana State District Court
- Montana Supreme Court

Administrative Forums

- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Additionally, Shane has represented clients *pro hac vice* throughout the region, including Arizona, Nevada, North Dakota, Texas, Washington, and Wyoming.

CLIENT RESULTS

Energy Heating, LLC v. Heat-on-The-Fly, LLC, 889 F.3d 1291 (Fed. Cir. 2018).

In re Yellowstone Mountain Club, LLC, (Blixseth v. Glasser), 656 Fed.

Appx. 307, 2016 WL 3947830 (9th Cir. 2016); 601 Fed. Appx. 504 (9th Cir. 2015); 593 Fed. Appx. 643 (9th Cir. 2015); 460 B.R. 259 (Bankr. Mont. 2011); et al.

Preston v. Marathon Oil Company, 684 F.3d 1276 (Fed. Cir. 2012), 277 P.3d 81 (Wyo. 2012)

Montana Silversmiths, Inc. v. Taylor Brands, LLC, 850 F. Supp. 1172 (D. Mont. 2012)

Flexible Lifeline Systems, Inc. v. Precision Lift, Inc., 654 F.3d 989 (9th Cir. 2011)

Rippentrop v. E.H. Oftedal & Sons, 356 Fed. Appx. 945 (9th Cir. 2009)

Doe, M.D. v. Community Medical Center, Inc., 2009 MT 395, 221 P.3d 651 (Mont. 2009)

Stockman Bank v. Mon-Kota, et al., 2008 MT 74, 180 P.3d 1125 (Mont. 2008)

Stoneman v. Drollinger, 2003 MT 25, 64 P.3d 997 (Mont. 2003)

Daniels-Sheridan Federal Credit Union v. Bellanger, 2001 MT 235, 36 P.3d 397 (Mont. 2001)

PUBLICATIONS

"Ruling Eases Challenges to ERISA Benefit Denials," *Employment Law* 360, September 20, 2006

["New Ninth Circuit Decision May Make It Easier For Participants To Challenge ERISA Benefit Denials," 9/15/2006](#)

"Made in Montana – The Big Sky Difference," *Employment Law*, April 2006

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"IP Litigation Panel," *IP Day Montana*, 2018

"Intellectual Property Law in 30 Minutes," *Montana State Bar IP Day in Montana*, 2017

"The Progeny of *Stern v. Marshall*," *Montana Bankruptcy Law Section*, 2014

"Covenants Not to Compete," 2013

"Fraud on the Trademark Office," *2nd Annual Inland Empire Intellectual Property Institute*, Spokane, WA, 2009

"Advanced Employment Law," *National Business Institute*, 2009

"FMLA Master Class," *Employers Counsel Network*, 2009

"Employment Laws Made Simple," *National Business Institute*, 2007

"FMLA Master Class," *Employers Counsel Network*, 2007

"Intellectual Property and Intellectual Property Litigation," *Lorman Education Services*, 2007

"Identifying and Protecting Intellectual Property," *Montana State University*, 2002

RECOGNITION

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Intellectual Property Law, 2009-2011; Litigation - Intellectual Property, Litigation - Patent, Patent Law, 2012-2021; Litigation - ERISA, 2013-2021
- *Managing Intellectual Property*, IP Star, 2013-2021
- Mountain States Super Lawyers® Rising Stars, Intellectual Property, 2008, 2011, 2012

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Board of Trustees, State Bar of Montana
- Intellectual Property Section, State Bar of Montana
- Defense Research Institute
- Montana State Bar Association, Intellectual Property Section, Founding Member
- Defense Research Institute
- Montana Bar Association, Fee Arbitration Committee
- Yellowstone Area Bar Association, Board Member