



## JEFFREY LAVESON

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Jeffrey Laveson joined Carney Badley Spellman in 2002. Before joining the firm, Mr. Laveson was a partner at the law firm of Lane Powell in Seattle, where he focused on insurance coverage and insurance defense matters. He has practiced law in the Pacific Northwest for twenty-three years.

Mr. Laveson's practice at Carney Badley Spellman includes insurance coverage law and defending policyholder interests. He handles all phases of resolution, mediation, arbitration, trial and appeal. Special practice areas include aviation, environmental, product liability, premises liability, and professional liability law.

Mr. Laveson remains actively engaged in complex multi-party litigation. He has tried jury and non-jury trials in both state and federal court.

Experience includes:

- Appellate
- Insurance Coverage
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Environmental Law
- Aviation Law
- ERISA
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability
- Professional Liability
- Real Estate
- Wrongful Death

Mr. Laveson has represented both London Market and domestic insurers' interests in complex multi-party insurance coverage claims in each of these practice areas.

Mr. Laveson has represented a wide range of aviation interests throughout the United States. Past clients include Delta Airlines, United Airlines, Alaska Airlines, Lloyd's of London, and the Experimental Aircraft Association.

Mr. Laveson served as a United States Navy pilot for eighteen years. His aeronautical qualifications include private and commercial pilot ratings, single and multi-engine jet and instrument ratings, flight instruction and aircraft carrier operations.

### Education

JD, University of San Diego  
School of Law, 1986, San  
Diego Law Review, Executive  
Comments Editor

BA, cum laude, Marietta  
College, 1976, Phi Beta Kappa

### Bar and Court Admissions

State of Washington

State of Oregon

U.S. District Court, Western  
District of Washington

U.S. District Court, Eastern  
District of Washington

U.S. District Court, District of  
Oregon

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

### Professional Associations

American Bar Association

Aviation and Space Law  
Section, King County Bar  
Association

Oregon State Bar Association

Washington State Bar  
Association

Northwest Insurance Coverage  
Association

Northwest Aviation Insurance  
Association

## Representative Appellate Cases

*Estate of Corbitt v. Experimental Aircraft Ass'n.*, 146 Wn. App. 1073, 2008 WL 4542871 (Div. 1, 2008)

Mr. Laveson represented the EAA and NWEAA against a wrongful death claim brought by the Estate of decedent Donald Corbitt. This claim arose from Mr. Corbitt's fatal aircraft crash while departing the Arlington Municipal Airport after attending the Arlington Fly-In. The Estate's negligence claim focused primarily on premises liability. On appeal, the Court of Appeals reversed the jury verdict and remanded for entry of judgment in favor of the EAA and NWEAA. The Washington Supreme Court denied the Estate's Petition for Review.

*Olympic Pipe Line Co. v. Pacific Employers Ins. Co.*, 128 Wn. App. 1003, 2005 WL 1406125 (Div. 1, 2005)

Mr. Laveson defended first-layer excess insurers against coverage claims for environmental damages in excess of \$450 million arising from the catastrophic failure of the Olympic Pipe Line in Bellingham, Washington. The trial court ruled in favor of the excess insurers on summary judgment. This trial court ruling was then upheld by the Washington Court of Appeals. The Washington Supreme Court denied the plaintiffs' Petition for Review.

*West v. Kelley*, 109 Wn. App. 1032, 2001 WL 1521994 (Div. 2, 2001)

Mr. Laveson defended a property owner against a neighboring property owner's attempt to extinguish various easements. The trial court upheld the validity of the easements and awarded attorneys' fees and costs to Mr. Laveson's client under Washington's frivolous lawsuit statute. On appeal, the Court of Appeals upheld the trial court decision and award of attorneys' fees. The Washington Supreme Court denied the plaintiff's Petition for Review.

*First State Ins. Co. v. Kemper Nat. Ins. Co.*, 94 Wn. App. 602, 971 P.2d 953 (1999)

Mr. Laveson represented an excess insurer to recover the "excess" portion of the jury verdict in a wrongful death case from the primary insurer, based on the primary insurer's refusal to enter into good faith settlement negotiations prior to trial. On appeal, the Court of Appeals reversed the jury verdict and remanded for entry of judgment in favor of the excess insurer as a matter of law.

*Hurlbert v. Gordon*, 64 Wn. App. 386, 824 P.2d 1238 (1992)

Mr. Laveson defended a well-established Washington law firm, which provided legal services in closing a commercial purchase and sale transaction, against a malpractice claim brought by the sellers. On appeal, the Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the law firm, reversing the jury verdict in favor of the sellers and imposed sanctions against the sellers' attorneys.