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Robert "Jack" Slavik concentrates his practice in the prosecution of property damage claims. He has successfully litigated and tried cases throughout the United States in both state and federal court. Prior to joining Cozen O'Connor, he was a prosecutor in Federal Way, Washington.

Jack works throughout the Northwest handling cases in Washington, Oregon, Hawaii, Alaska, Idaho and Montana. Jack is admitted to practice in Washington, Montana, Idaho and Federal District Court in all three states. He is a member of the Washington State Bar Association, the Montana Bar Association, and NASP (National Association of Subrogation Professionals). Jack served as Chair of the Northwest Chapter of NASP from 2007-2011 and he speaks frequently on topics related to subrogation and recovery. Jack has extensive experience prosecuting propane and natural gas related losses and he has successfully pursued natural and propane gas explosion/fires throughout the Northwest. Jack also has extensive experience in complex product liability cases and has successfully handled matters involving lithium ion battery failures, vehicle defects, and a multitude of consumer product defects. Finally, Jack frequently handles construction defect cases involving fire protection system freeze/failures, building envelope failures, and other construction related losses.

Jack received a Bachelor of Arts in political science from California State University, Chico, in 1993, and earned his law degree at Seattle University School of Law in 1996.

Experience

Represented multiple insurers that paid losses as a result of a large fire caused by an individual in Roundup, Montana. Successfully convinced the tortfeasor's two insurance carriers that both must provide coverage as he faced liability both as a building owner and contractor. The case eventually resolved when the two liability carriers acknowledged both must provide coverage and both agreed to pay their full liability limits.

Represented a large Oregon retail chain and its insured in a multimillion dollar fire caused by a defective uninterruptible power supply unit. The product manufacturer defended the case vehemently as the product was largely destroyed and very little evidence supporting the failure mode was found. After two years of intensive litigation involving depositions across the country, the manufacturer finally agreed to resolve the case favorably one week prior to trial.

Practice Areas

- Subrogation & Recovery

Industry Sectors

- Insurance

Education

- Seattle University School of Law, J.D., 1996
- California State University, Chico, B.A., 1993

Bar Admissions

- Idaho
- Washington

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court -- Idaho
- U.S. District Court -- Montana
- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of Washington
- U.S. District Court -- Western District of Washington

Affiliations

- King County Bar Association
- Montana Bar Association
- National Association of Subrogation Professionals (NASP)
- Seattle-Washington Bar Association
- Washington State Trial Lawyers Association

Awards & Honors

- 2010 "Rising Star" by *Washington Law & Politics*

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