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PRACTICE OVERVIEW:

Brendan has a commercial litigation and trial practice, focusing on complex commercial litigation, labor and employment law, and agriculture law. Brendan has represented a wide range of clients, from individuals and small businesses to nationally recognized corporations. Brendan has litigated cases at all levels, from administrative hearings to arbitrations and jury trials to arguments before the appeals courts of Washington and the 9th Circuit. He has handled cases in more than a dozen counties in Washington, as well as in a number of state and federal jurisdictions, including cases in New York, Oregon, Florida, Nevada, Texas and California. Brendan frequently serves as an arbitrator and mediates private disputes.

PRACTICE AREAS:

Litigation

Labor and Employment

Agriculture Law

Health Care

EDUCATION:

Boston College Law School, J.D. (1992)

St. Mary's College of California, B.A. in the Great Books program, *cum laude* (1988)

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE:

Washington (1992)

Oregon (2007)

U.S. District Courts for the Western and Eastern Districts of Washington

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

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REPRESENTATIVE CASES:

Counsel for a group of Washington farmers who intervened in the matter of *In re Washington State Apple Advertising Commission*. The farmers successfully argued that the mandatory assessments paid to the Apple Commission violated their First Amendment right to be free from forced speech, resulting in a preliminary injunction and summary judgment in favor of the farmers.

Lead counsel for defendants in the case of *Marin v. Evans*, a class action RICO case, which was premised upon unproved allegations that defendants artificially depressed the wages of lawful employees by knowingly hiring illegal aliens. The case was dismissed on summary judgment after it was demonstrated that defendants had not engaged in racketeering and that no damages were suffered.

Counsel for the Yakima Herald Republic on a number of public records cases, including successful efforts to obtain internal records from a school district about a misbehaving teacher, and sealed records in criminal case involving a defendant's improper conduct with minors.

Defense counsel in a variety of class action wage and hour cases. Representative cases include claims brought by unionized warehouse workers, truck drivers, guest farm laborers, and construction workers.

Represented legal entities as well as individual officers, members and shareholders in minority oppression and corporate dissolution cases. Representative businesses include fruit packing and sales operations, property development entities, manufacturing and sales companies, logging operations and physician practices.

Successfully litigated crop damage claims against chemical manufacturers and dealers. Representative claims include failure to warn (nematode damage in potatoes), failure to test (leafroller damage to apples), and negligent application (sulfur burn on apples).

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Board Member, Heritage University

Board Member, the Pegasus Project

Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative for the Eastern District of Washington

Member, Bench Bar Liaison Committee for the Yakima County Superior Court

Board Member, LaSalle High School, People for People, Yakima County Coalition for the Homeless, and Yakima County Volunteer Attorney Services

Past President, Yakima Greenway Foundation

Past President, Yakima County Bar Association (2008)

RECOGNITION:

AV[®] rated by Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review

Valued Participation Award, Yakima County Volunteer Attorney Services (2009)

BACKGROUND:

Before joining the firm, Brendan was a shareholder with Velikanje, Moore & Shore, P.S. in Yakima, where he worked as a litigator from 1992 until 2007. In July of 2007, he and his fellow shareholders, George Velikanje, John Moore and Morrie Shore, brought their combined 155 years of experience and opened the Yakima office of Stokes, Lawrence, Velikanje Moore & Shore.