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Greg Lee is an experienced litigator who successfully represents clients in complex civil litigation – often involving novel issues – before state and federal courts throughout the country. His practice encompasses a range of specialized industries, including the ski resort industry, as well as the defense of claims across a wide spectrum of practice areas, including general liability, product liability, professional liability, employment, and commercial litigation. Known for his broad background and diverse capabilities, Greg skillfully guides clients through all phases of challenging litigation, delivering innovative, targeted solutions aligned with their goals. He has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America and Southern California Super Lawyers, as a “Rising Star.”

Greg’s staunch and responsive advocacy has resulted in a proven track record of beneficial outcomes for clients, including a substantial number of successful dispositive motions. Greg also has considerable experience in high-exposure trials, including a wrongful death trial involving an allegedly defective turbo-normalizing system on a general aviation aircraft, a partnership dissociation trial involving a prominent law firm, and a month-long trial defending a commercial property owner against premises liability claims arising from the filming of a well-known television show.

Admiralty/Maritime

Greg represents carriers, logistics providers and cruise lines in contract disputes, torts and cargo damage/loss claims. His experience includes serving as liaison counsel in coordinated proceedings against a cruise line, involving more than 200 plaintiffs, arising from an offshore listing incident. Greg has obtained dismissals based on forum non conveniens of lawsuits in Florida, New York and California and won summary judgments dismissing lawsuits alleging hazardous shipboard conditions and physician malpractice. On the employment side, Greg has enforced maritime employment contracts under the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards.

Services

- Asia
- Admiralty & Marine
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Aviation & Aerospace
- Class Action
- Commercial Litigation
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Construction
- Employment & Labor
- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance
- Professional Liability & Services
- Toxic Tort
- Transportation

Aviation & Aerospace

Greg defends product manufacturers and distributors, fixed-base operators and maintenance facilities against contract claims and tort claims, including those arising from catastrophic accidents. Greg recently defended a turbo-normalizing manufacturer against alleged defect claims arising from a multiple-fatality accident in a trial that resulted in a unanimous defense jury verdict and claims involving defective airport design that resulted in no-pay dismissals.

Commercial Litigation

Greg is routinely approached by clients and colleagues alike to defend companies involved in contractual business disputes and putative class actions brought under state and federal consumer protection laws. He has successfully defended globally recognized footwear and mass media companies against class actions brought under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, and defended class actions brought under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.

Employment Litigation

Greg has defended a far-reaching collection of companies and employees against defamation, discrimination, harassment, retaliation, fraud and wrongful termination claims. He has obtained numerous summary judgment rulings in the employment arena on behalf of clients including a national retail chain, a governmental agency and a consulting firm.

General Liability

Greg has an extensive background representing commercial and residential property owners and management companies, including some of the largest such companies in the country. He has obtained summary judgment for clients sued for catastrophic injuries arising from recreational activities and has represented landlords and managers in scores of disputes involving lease agreements, landlord-tenant issues and premises liability issues.

Intellectual Property

Greg works closely with the intellectual property team to handle state and federal court litigation involving patent, trademark, unfair competition and copyright matters, including enforcing rights through preliminary injunctions and temporary restraining orders and defending against charges of infringement.

Product Liability

Greg has wide-ranging experience representing manufacturers and distributors of consumer products against warranty, design, manufacturing and warning claims. He has obtained summary judgment in multiple lawsuits brought against chemical and lighting manufacturers following a workplace explosion and residential fire.

Professional Liability

Greg is proficient at defending professionals, including lawyers, accountants and insurance agents/brokers, against malpractice, breach of fiduciary duty and fraud claims. He has assumed a managing role for a local team handling a national professional liability insurance program on behalf of a large insurer client.

Ski Industry

For years, Greg has specialized in representing the ski industry and individual clients that have included numerous prominent owners and operators of ski areas. Greg is an active member of the Association of Ski Defense Attorneys and is a regular speaker at various ski industry associations. He has developed a unique familiarity with complex issues involving releases of liability and the doctrines of primary and express assumption of risk in litigation related to skiing, snowboarding, tubing and other winter activities.

Education

- University of California College of the Law, San Francisco (J.D., 2001)
- University of California, Berkeley (B.A., 1997)

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

Professional Affiliations

- Association of Ski Defense Attorneys
- California State Bar Association
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- American Bar Association

Awards & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America®*, 2026
- Selected for inclusion in Rising Stars for Southern California *Super Lawyers*, 2010-2015