



John Carley

Of Counsel

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John Carley is a key player in a multidisciplinary team of accomplished attorneys in defense of businesses, entities, and individuals facing complex casualty, commercial litigation, and discrimination claims in state and federal courts in the Pacific Northwest. He defends clients in complex civil litigation matters primarily involving personal and catastrophic injury and wrongful death claims related to premises or product liability. He also brings significant experience assisting on construction defect and eminent domain cases. John's strong analytical skillset and early courtroom experience prove helpful in sifting through and putting together all the pieces of the puzzle in complicated cases. His work representing clients in high-stakes lawsuits and background as a college athlete serve him well in working as part of a team and interacting with different parties across the table to arrive at a resolution that works for everyone.

John has assisted several startups with choice of entity and entity formation, licensing, trademark registration, raising capital, changes in ownership, corporate governance issues, and amending operating agreements. During law school, John worked at the Los Angeles City Attorney's Complex Litigation Section and served as an extern for the Los Angeles Superior Court.

John started running in middle school and it became a passion. He went on to join the University of Southern California (USC) track team where in his senior year he ran the fourth fastest 5000 meter in USC's history. John has continued running to this day with Forest Park as one of his favorite spots. He still occasionally runs races, including the Shamrock Run in Portland and Bay to Breakers in San Francisco.

Education

- University of Oregon School of Law (J.D., 2014)

Services

- Construction
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance
- Class Action

- Managing Editor, Oregon Review of International Law.
- University of Southern California (B.A. History, *magna cum laude*, 2011)

Bar Admissions

- Oregon
- Washington
- New Jersey

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, District of Oregon

Professional Affiliations

- Multnomah Bar Association
- Oregon Women Lawyers
- Gus J. Solomon Inn of Court

Awards & Honors

Selected for inclusion in Oregon Super Lawyers® Rising Stars™, Personal Injury: Defense, 2025

Representative Matters

Served as the lead associate attorney assisting in the defense of a prominent glass manufacturing company in a multimillion-dollar class-action lawsuit.

In separate, related litigation gathered facts from tens of thousands of documents needed to develop a complaint filed on behalf of the glass manufacturer against state agencies and the Oregon Governor's Office.

Client Wins

Rigsby, Mooney and Carley Achieve Favorable Jury Award in Especially Difficult Venue

Peder Rigsby (Partner-Portland, OR), Dan Mooney (Partner-Seattle, WA) and John Carley (Of Counsel-Portland, OR) secured a highly favorable jury award on behalf of their client, a large resource recovery company. The trial was held in King County, WA, a notoriously difficult venue for defendants recently included on the "Judicial Hellhole Top 10" list. This was an admitted liability case that was vigorously contested.

The client's garbage truck driver backed into the plaintiff's vehicle, causing it minor damage. Plaintiff was standing in the truck bed and either jumped or fell out. Plaintiff

claimed numerous catastrophic injuries, including multiple surgeries and a concussion diagnosed nearly five years after the accident. The alleged economic damages were \$1.2 million. During jury selection, Plaintiff's counsel anchored at \$30 million. In closing, Plaintiff asked for \$11.8 million. The defense strategy focused on causation and the plaintiff's credibility, which included presenting numerous experts, a private investigator, and hours of video surveillance showing the plaintiff engaging in activities that he claimed he could not perform. Following a three-week trial, the jury returned a verdict of \$500,000 or \$100,000 less than our last offer.