



## **BRIAN NADLER**

Brian Nadler is an Associate in Fennemore's **Business Litigation** practice group. He assists clients in business and construction litigation matters and negotiates settlements. His practice also involves assisting in reviewing appellate strategy and reviewing issues for appeal, interpreting technical legal issues for a more generalist audience of judges. He has briefed cases in the state and federal courts of appeals.

Prior to joining Fennemore, Brian was a Senior Associate at Schlemlein Fick & Franklin PLLC, where he argued a case at the Washington State Division 1 Court of Appeals and developed experience representing clients in various stages of civil litigation, drafting complaints, discovery, dispositive motions, and appellate amicus briefing for various associations.

Brian earned his law degree at Gonzaga University School of Law. There, he was Editor-in-Chief of the Gonzaga Law Review, Captain of the National Trial Team, and worked at the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Washington. Brian also clerked for the Honorable Thomas O. Rice of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington.

Outside of the office, Brian enjoys his California roots by cheering for his Sacramento Kings and San Francisco 49ers. He also enjoys triathlons, spending time outdoors with his wife and son, and raising their two Australian Shepherds, Sierra and Bran.

## **EDUCATION**

- J.D., Gonzaga University School of Law
  - Editor-in-Chief, Gonzaga Law Review
  - Captain, National Trial Team
  - President, William O. Douglas Committee
  - Moot Court Honors Council
- B.A., Claremont McKenna College

## **AREAS OF PRACTICE**

- Business Litigation
- Construction Law

- Employment & Labor

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Port of Anacortes v. Frontier Indus., 9 Wn. App. 2d 885, 447 P.3d 215 (Div. 1 2019): drafted briefing successfully defending a challenge to what constitutes a hazardous substance under the Model Toxics Control Act.
- Pellco v. Cornerstone General Contractors, 2021 WL 4523088 (Div. 1 2021) (unpublished): drafted an amicus brief on behalf of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Western Washington, National Electrical Contractors Association, Sheet Metal Air Conditioning National Association, Northwest Wall & Ceiling Contractors Association, National Utility Contractors Association of Washington, and Washington State Conference of Mason Contractors.
- Hemmen v. Cho, 2023 WL 195346 (Div. 1 2023) (unpublished): secured reversal of the trial court's determination that a gate interfered with easement rights and affirmed dismissal of the plaintiff's prescriptive easement claims.
- King County v. Walsh Construction Co., 27 Wn. App. 2d 156, 532 P.3d 182 (Div. 1 2023): drafted an amicus brief on behalf of the Associated General Contractors of Washington and National Utility Contractors Association of Washington.
- Bridge Co. v. Clark/Lewis et al., No. 85808-4-I (Div. 1 2023): drafted an amicus brief opposing discretionary review on behalf of Mechanical Contractors Association of Western Washington.
- C.A. Carey Corp. v. City of Snoqualmie, 29 Wn. App. 2d 890, 547 P.3d 247 (Div. 1 2024): drafted briefing on Washington contractor law.
- Maniatis v. Singh, No. 86872-1-I (Div. 1 2024): drafted briefing on trial court's failure to follow procedural and substantive requirements in finding the defendant in contempt of court and presented oral argument on the same.
- Nsejjere v. Anderton, No. 60351-9-II (Div. 2 2025): secured affirmation of trial court's grant of dismissal for failure to state a claim for defamation.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

- Best Lawyers® Ones to Watch®, Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, and Commercial Litigation, 2026
- Rising Star, Washington State Super Lawyers Magazine, 2022-2025

## ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

- Comment, "Jurisprudential Juxtapositions: Resolving Establishment Clause Issues After Town of Greece, N.Y. v. Galloway," 50 GONZ. L. REV. 1, 75-96 (2015)
- Author, "Tropical Cyclones and Global Warming," GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATURAL RESOURCES 1, 203 (Roberts Environmental Center Press 2011).
- Editor, Washington Construction Law Deskbook (2024): Chapter 11, Construction and Other Involuntary Liens.
- Editor, Washington Construction Law Deskbook (2024): Chapter 15, Damages.

## PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Washington State Bar Association

- King County Bar Association – Appellate Practice Section
  - Executive Committee, Honorary Member, 2025
- Washington Defense Trial Lawyers Association

## **ADMISSIONS**

- Washington
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia
- United States Supreme Court