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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Montgomery Purdue PLLC

Seattle, Washington
Attorney since 2015

TOP RATED BUSINESS & CORPORATE ATTORNEY AND RISING STAR
2021-2024 – SUPER LAWYERS

PRACTICE AREAS

Creditor-Debtor and
Bankruptcy

Dispute Resolution and
Litigation

Insurance Coverage and
Recovery

Real Estate and Leasing

Trust and Estate
Litigation

Chris Reed is a commercial and general civil litigator with extensive experience in both state and federal trial and appellate courts. Mr. Reed's practice is heavily focused on landlord-tenant law, where he represents property managers, property owners, and landlords in all aspects of real property disputes and property management matters, including evictions, lease enforcement, habitability issues, rent collection, tenant compliance, and discrimination matters.

A significant portion of Mr. Reed's landlord-tenant practice involves eviction proceedings, easement disputes, and ejectment litigation. He provides comprehensive legal support to property management companies and individual landlords/owners, helping them navigate complex regulatory requirements while protecting their property rights and investment interests. Mr. Reed's approach emphasizes practical, cost-effective solutions that allow property owners to efficiently manage their portfolios while remaining compliant with evolving landlord-tenant laws. He has argued before the Washington State Supreme Court on important legal issues involving landlord-tenant law and advises on legislative issues pending before State and local legislative bodies.

As a general civil litigator, Mr. Reed also represents clients in a variety of other contexts, including trust and estate matters, construction disputes, business litigation, and insurance coverage issues. His practice emphasizes 'big picture' strategic considerations to achieve the best result for the client, whether that is a negotiated settlement, resolution through dispositive motions, or taking a matter to trial.

For trust and estate matters, Mr. Reed is experienced in breach of fiduciary duty claims, misappropriation, will interpretation, and challenges to the validity of documents granting agent authority. He also represents professional fiduciaries on annual reporting requirements for court supervised trusts and guardianships (and in the context of issues involving real property). In construction and business litigation, Mr. Reed represents contractors and businesses in breach of contract, trade secret misappropriation, and employee disputes.

Mr. Reed's insurance coverage practice focuses on individual and business policyholder issues, including life, long term care, disability, general liability, excess/umbrella, directors and officers, and employment practices liability coverage disputes.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF LAW – SEATTLE, WA
JURIS DOCTOR, 2015
WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL, EDITORIAL BOARD

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY – PULLMAN, WA
BACHELOR OF ARTS, MAGNA CUM LAUDE, 2012

ADMISSION AND MEMBERSHIP

Member – **Washington State Bar Association**
Member – **King County Bar Association**