

BROOK B. BOND

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BIOGRAPHY

Brook Bond is the office managing shareholder of Parsons Behle & Latimer's Boise office as well as Vice President, Secretary and elected member of the firm's Board of Directors. His legal practice focuses on complex business, insurance, environmental and commercial litigation representing corporations and individuals in a variety of industries including insurance, multi-level marketing (MLM), direct selling, agriculture, and mining.

During the past 30+ years of his practice, Mr. Bond has handled massive cases involving multiple parties, millions of documents, and complex legal and scientific issues. Many of these cases involved environmental contamination and various environmental issues. Mr. Bond has routinely represented companies in environmental litigation relating to pollution and remediation, and insurance companies or insureds in environmental insurance coverage actions. Additionally, he has handled cases representing individuals and smaller companies in various types of business litigation. He brings particular litigation experience with insurance coverage issues, direct selling issues, scientific issues, attorney/client privilege issues, and contentious litigants.

Mr. Bond has litigated a wide range of cases involving business torts, environmental contamination, real estate disputes, contract disputes, strict products liability, and intellectual property. His educational background includes training in genetics, seed science, biology, agronomy, microbiology, biochemistry and chemistry.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Academic

University of San Diego (J.D., 1989)

University of California - Davis (B.S., Genetics, 1986)

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Successfully defended a Nevada Multi-Level Marketing Company against litigation from another direct selling company for alleged business torts and misappropriation of trade secrets. Successfully managed extensive factual and expert discovery and motion practice.



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PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation, Trials & Appeals

Business & Commercial Litigation

Environmental & Natural Resources

Insurance

Appeals

LICENSED/ADMITTED

California

Idaho

U.S. Dist. Court, Idaho

U.S. Dist. Court, Central Dist. of Calif.

U.S. Dist. Court, Eastern Dist. of Calif.

U.S. Dist. Court, Northern Dist. of Calif.

U.S. Dist. Court, Southern Dist. of Calif.

U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit

Successfully defended individuals against litigation from a direct selling company with which they had previously been acting as independent contractors and which sued the individuals for alleged business torts, breach of contract and misappropriation of trade secrets. The Federal Court determined that provisions of the direct selling company's contract were overbroad and unenforceable.

Successfully defended a Nevada MLM company against litigation from an independent contractor for another direct selling company for alleged business torts, misappropriation of trade secrets and other claims.

Successfully defended a MLM company sued by another direct selling company for alleged business torts, and misappropriation of trade secrets. Successfully managed extensive factual and expert discovery and motion practice.

Successfully defended insurance companies against complex environmental insurance coverage litigation from a former mining company relating to contamination allegedly emanating from a large phosphate mine in Eastern Idaho. Evaluated and litigated long-tail claims, time-on-the-risk issues as well as allocation issues to various parties. Successfully managed extensive factual and expert discovery and motion practice.

Successfully defended a Massachusetts insurance company against environmental insurance coverage litigation from another insurance company relating to alleged contamination at a former dry cleaning facilities in Idaho and Washington. Evaluated and litigated long-tail claims, time-on-the-risk issues as well as allocation issues to various parties.

Successfully defended a Utah MLM company against litigation from another direct selling company for alleged business torts and misappropriation of trade secrets.

Successfully defended an Idaho corporation against litigation from another Idaho corporation for alleged business torts relating to a real estate transaction. We successfully obtained summary judgment and attorneys' fees related thereto.

Successfully defended an Ohio corporation against litigation for alleged business torts in Idaho. We successfully obtained summary judgment.

Successfully briefed and argued before the Idaho Supreme Court that a public entity cannot use public funds to influence elections. The resulting Idaho Supreme Court opinion held that it is illegal to so use public funds and resources to favor one side of an election.

Successfully defended a California company engaged in the transportation business from litigation from an injured individual alleging strict product liability for alleged distribution of a commercial machine. An injured user of the machine sued for strict product liability alleging in excess of \$3 million. Successfully managed extensive factual and expert discovery and motion practice. Secured complete summary judgment for the defendant at the trial court level and affirmed, after oral argument, before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Successfully defended an insurance company in environmental insurance coverage litigation related to environmental contamination at a cement manufacturing plant in Southern California. Successfully lead the team of experts to investigate and create a theory for the characterization of the fate and transport of contamination which had confused many experts, consultants and regulators for many years.

Successfully defended multiple insurance companies against environmental insurance coverage litigation from a large petroleum and chemical company for alleged environmental contamination alleging damages in excess of \$3 billion and relating to claims throughout the United States, Canada and the Virgin Islands. The litigation was at one time one of the largest and most complex cases in the United States and related to thousands of contaminated sites.

Successfully defended an insurance company in complex environmental insurance coverage litigation against claims seeking damages of tens of millions of dollars related to chemical facilities and mining operations throughout the United States.

Successfully defended multiple insurance companies against environmental insurance coverage litigation from a large utility company relating to contamination from former manufactured gas plant sites and alleging damages in the hundreds of millions of dollars. Coordinated complex investigation, discovery and analysis.

Successfully defending an insurance company against environmental insurance coverage litigation from a drum storage and recycling company for alleged damages of tens of millions of dollars and alleged contamination at a California drum storage and recycling facility.

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