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Education

JD: Gonzaga University, 1997, *magna cum laude*

BA: Montana State University, 1994
Finance

Bar Admissions

Montana, 1997

U.S. District Court,
District of Montana

U.S. District Court,
District of Colorado

Brian Taylor practices in our Billings, Montana office. Mr. Taylor is a litigation attorney with a historically diverse practice. His practice primarily focuses on civil defense where he has represented clients in a wide variety of cases including bad faith and product liability. He also represents a number of insurance carriers in traditional insurance defense matters and insurance coverage issues. His experience in the product liability field has covered a wide spectrum of self-insured automobile manufacturers and component part manufacturers. His experience representing automobile manufacturers includes a three-plus week trial in Great Falls, Montana involving a traumatic brain injury.

Mr. Taylor's litigation defense practice is centered in the field of transportation, insurance, medical malpractice, trucking, municipal entities, and product liability. His experience in traditional insurance defense litigation includes property damage claims, personal injury claims, and larger construction defect lawsuits. Mr. Taylor's practice also includes representing many employers in employment related actions. Mr. Taylor has participated in numerous trials in both State and Federal Court throughout Montana.

Career Distinctions & Honors

Martindale-Hubbell®, AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated

Judge Robert P. Goff Pro Bono Award, 2011

Served as Special Master for Judge Sandefur, Cascade County District Court, State of Montana

Decisions

GER v. Florence: Strict liability for dog bite claim, Missoula, Montana in 2020.

Niedermeyer v. Geyser Whitewater: Wrongful death and survivorship claims related to a whitewater rafting accident, Bozeman, Montana in 2018.

Tsohonis v. BNSF: FELA claim in Billings, Montana in 2014.

Brennan v. Ford Motor Corp. and Firestone: Products liability related to a tire de-tread in Great Falls, Montana. Matter was tried twice, first trial lasted 17 days.

Ray v. Connell, 371 P.3d 391: Obtained Summary Judgment which was upheld on appeal to the Montana Supreme Court in a case involving alleged libel and slander issues in 2016

Allison v. Farmer Brothers Co., 2018 WL 3609537: Obtained Summary Judgment in Federal Court in a wrongful discharge from employment matter in 2018.

Baker v. Hartford Life & Accident Ins. Co., 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 20571: Obtained Summary Judgment in Federal Court in a case involving long term disability benefits in 2016.

Sorlie v. City of Billings: Obtained Summary Judgment for the City of Billings, Montana on an alleged negligent building inspection claim in 2020.