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Jeffrey Hill grew up abroad and is a runner, cyclist, traveler and historian. He and his wife are the fortunate and proud parents of a lawyer and a scientist. His legal practice emphasizes complex insurance coverage, fire cause and origin, professional liability, general casualty litigation and lawyer licensing matters. His international mediation practice is limited to matters involving complex insurance issues including insurance placement, overlapping insurance coverage, extra-contractual liability, contribution among insurers and reinsurance. He is available to mediate and arbitrate complex and multi-jurisdictional insurance disputes in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and the European Union. Jeff hopes to one day finish research for his book – and the book itself – on the lives of two of his heroes; La Fayette and the general's equally extraordinary but less well-known spouse, Adrienne de Noailles.

### Practice & Experience

Jeff has practiced law since 1981. He is licensed in all courts of Oregon and Washington. He has managed and tried complex multi-jurisdictional cases including trials lasting several months. Jeff has been retained to handle matters in many states and has participated in the management of his insurer clients' nationwide exposures in the areas of environmental liability, Federal Employer Liability Act (FELA) and securities law.

Jeff was born in San Francisco in 1955 and lived abroad prior to attending university and law school. He is a regular contributor and speaker to international events, primarily related to insurance law and trial practice in Oregon, the United States generally and in Europe comparing American and Western European models of civil jurisprudence. His presentations to French speaking audiences, available here, include:

Paris, October 2017. *Quelques Remarques d'Ordre Pratique sur Les Procédures d'Actions de Groupe aux États-Unis ; Some Practical Notes on Class Action Litigation in the United States.*

Paris, October 2013. *L'Assurance Administrateurs et Dirigeants : Évolution Récente aux États-Unis ; Directors and Officers Insurance Coverage : Recent Developments in the United States.*

Paris, October 2010. *Les Juridictions de Première Instance et les Procès aux États-Unis ; Trial Courts and Lawsuits in the United States : A General Overview.*

Paris, October 2008. *La Responsabilité du Fait des Produits aux États-Unis et dans L'Union Européenne ; Products Liability Claims in the United States And The European Union.*

Brussels, October 2005. *La Responsabilité Environnementale et La Nouvelle Directive de l'Union Européenne ; Environmental Liability and the New European Directive.*

Jeff is the Oregon and Washington member, and a past President of [Eagle International Associates, Inc.](#), an international association of insurance attorneys and claims professionals. This allows him to coordinate on matters with other Eagle members throughout the world drawing on a broad range of geographic and professional expertise. He has served on the Oregon State Bar Lawyer Disciplinary and Legal Ethics committees.

## Significant Complex Insurance Coverage Cases

- Trial and appellate counsel for a principal defendant in *Cascade Corporation v. American Home Insurance Company, et. al.*, 206 Or App 1, 135 P3d 450 (2006). Represented insurer in three-month trial of major environmental insurance coverage claim. The case involved decisions on complex exhaustion and allocation issues, the impact of policyholder settlements on the policyholder's share in the allocation, as well as other defense and indemnity issues.
- Trial counsel for plaintiff to a favorable conclusion in *St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company v. McCormick & Baxter Creosoting Company, et. al.* Multnomah County Case No. A88711-07096. Declaratory judgment action to determine insurance coverage for pollution at the policyholder's wood treatment plants in Stockton, California and Portland, Oregon. The case, reviewed by the Oregon Supreme Court before trial, is the Oregon authority for many insurance coverage issues, including trigger, allocation and the pollution exclusion. 324 Or 184, 923 P2d 1200 (1996).
- Trial and appellate counsel for primary defendant in *City of Tacoma, WA v. Harbor Insurance Company*, USDC Oregon Case No. CU 90-306 DA. Represented Directors and Officers liability insurer for a northwest power generator sued in the Washington Public Power Supply System ("WPPSS") bond default.
- Trial counsel for a primary defendant in *Union Pacific Railroad Corporation v. American Home Insurance Company*, USDC Oregon Case No. 87-484-DA and USDC Wyoming Case No. C89-0069J. Represented a primary insurer for railroad in insurance coverage litigation in Oregon (employee hearing loss claims system wide) and Wyoming (pollution claims system wide).

**Admitted to Practice**

Oregon

Washington

U.S. District Court, District of Oregon

U.S. District Court, Western and Eastern Districts of Washington

**Education**

J.D., Seattle University, 1981

B.A. (Economics), Washington State University, 1978

**Professional & Personal Activities**

International Association of Defense Counsel

Defense Research Institute

Eagle International Associates, Inc.

(Member, Board of Directors)

The Claims Litigation Management Alliance

Multnomah Bar Association

Oregon Association of Defense Counsel

**Language**

French