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PRACTICE AREAS Class Action/Mass Torts

- Business Litigation
- Environmental

John Phillips is a trial and appellate lawyer with significant expertise in mass tort, product liability, consumer class actions, business litigation, and environmental exposure cases. He has extensive experience in complex commercial litigation concerning intellectual property, contract rights, franchisorfranchisee rights, timber sales, and energy pricing. John has tried a number of civil rights cases, and has litigated first amendment and other constitutional issues of first impression. In 2004, John founded Phillips Law Group, PLLC, a litigation firm where, with his four colleagues, he represents plaintiffs and defendants in courts throughout the Pacific Northwest.



PRACTICE AREAS: Criminal Defense

Mark W. Prothero is with the Kent firm of Hanis Greaney Prothero PLLC. The criminal department at Hanis Greaney Prothero has over 50 years combined experience representing people accused of everything from drivers license violations, DUIs, and drug offenses to domestic violence, sex offenses, homicides, and aggravated murder. 1998; Named to Washington Supreme Court Panel for death-penalty qualified attorneys. 2001 to 2004: Co-lead attorney for Gary Ridgway, the Green River Killer. 2004: Shared King County Bar Association Lawyer of the Year Award. 2006: Published Defending Gary (Wiley 2006), co-authored by Carlton Smith. 2006: Mark and partner Greg Girard named Presumed Innocent magazine's co-trial lawyers of the year. 2006: Received his first recognition in Super Lawyers.

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PRACTICE AREAS:

- Criminal Defense
- Personal Injury Plaintiff: General
- · Civil Rights

Brett A. Purtzer graduated from WSU, where he met and married his wife of 20 years. He graduated from the University of Puget Sound Law School in 1987, where he was a Research and Technical Editor of the Law Review. Brett is licensed to practice in all Washington courts, along with the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court. Professional memberships include WSTLA, NACDL, WACDL, and American Inns of Court. He is past chair of the Tacoma-Pierce County Criminal Law Section and is a former TPCBA Trustee. While managing a demanding caseload, Brett finds time to ski, golf, play basketball and coach his children's sports teams.



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PRACTICE AREAS: · Workers' Compensation

- Personal Injury Plaintiff: General

Kim Putnam is a native of Des Moines, Iowa. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1972 and served thereafter as an infantry officer with Ranger and Special Forces units. In 1979, he received his law degree from the University of Puget Sound. He has served as Legislative Counsel for the Washington State Trial Lawyers Association (WSTLA) and has served on WSTLA's Board of Directors and as Chair of the Insurance Section. He is also a past member of the Judicial Recommendations Committee of the Washington State Bar Association. Kim is a contributing author of Handling Motor Vehicle Accident Cases. He served as an advisor in Panama during Operation Just Cause, in the Gulf during Operation Desert Storm, and in Haiti during Operation Restore Democracy. He has also served as counsel for members of the 2000 Redistricting Commission.



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PRACTICE AREAS:

- Construction Litigation
- Real Estate & Business Litigation
- Condominium/HOA Law

Tony Rafel is a trial lawyer who concentrates his practice on construction, real estate and business litigation and on advising community associations in Washington and Oregon. In his 25 years of practice, Tony has become known for his tenacity and thoroughness, and has amassed a record of truly outstanding trial and settlement results. Tony is a past President of the Federal Bar Association of the Western District of Washington, a former Lawyer Representative to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, a member of the Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Group for the Western District of Washington, and a former Washington State Bar Examiner. Tony is the Managing Partner of Rafel Manville PLLC, a law firm with offices in Seattle and Portland.



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- Construction/Surety
- · Personal Injury Defense: General

Jack Rankin is a 1975 graduate of the University of Washington Law School. He obtained his undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering in 1969. He has practiced at Reed McClure for 31 years, principally in the defense of litigation in construction, professional negligence, products liability and insurance coverage.