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Overview

Justice's practice focuses on commercial, business and real estate litigation as well as employment investigations and bankruptcy matters.

He has a broad range of trial and appellate experience in state and federal court. Justice advises and trains clients on business and employment matters and is a thought leader on topics relating to generative AI and its applications in the legal profession.

Justice currently sits on the Multnomah Bar Association Board of Directors and the Executive Committee for the Oregon State Bar-Litigation Section. He received his juris doctorate from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, William H. Bowen School of Law, holds an MBA from Alaska Pacific University and holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Areas of Focus

- [Litigation](#)
- [Construction](#)
- [Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy](#)
- [Eminent Domain & Inverse Condemnation](#)
- [Labor & Employment Litigation](#)
- [Real Estate](#)
- [Artificial Intelligence](#)

Admissions

- Oregon, 2019
- Arkansas, 2014

Education

- J.D., University of Arkansas at Little Rock, William H. Bowen School of Law (*magna cum laude*), 2014
- M.B.A., Alaska Pacific University, 2008
- B.A., University of Alaska Anchorage, Psychology, 2006

Honors & Recognitions

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*
 - Bankruptcy and Creditors Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2026
 - Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Real Estate, 2025-present
- Forty Under 40 Honoree, Portland Business Journal, 2022
- Top 40 Under 40 Attorney, The National Black Lawyers, 2022
- Oregon Super Lawyers list, 2025
- Rising Star, Oregon Super Lawyers, 2023-2024
- Rising Star, Mid-South Super Lawyers, 2017-2018

Professional Activities

- Community Board of Police Accountability, Portland City Council, Member, 2025-present
- Multnomah Bar Association, Member
- Board of Directors
 - Events Committee, 2022-present
 - CLE Committee, Chairperson, 2019-2022
- Oregon State Bar, Litigation Section Executive Committee, Member, 2019-present
- Foster Garvey, [Opportunity & Progress Council](#), Member, 2021-present
- Foster Garvey, Professional Development Committee, Member, 2022-present
- University of Arkansas at Little Rock, William H. Bowen School of Law
 - Professional Mentor Program, Mentor, 2020-present
 - Alumni Association, Board Member, 2018-2020
- W. Harold Flowers Law Society, President, 2017-2018

Community Activities

- Know Me Now, Crew Member, 2021-2022
- American Red Cross of Greater Arkansas, Board Member, 2017-2018

Experience

Judgment for regional transit authority

- Secured judgment for a large regional transit authority that permitted the continued construction of a large-scale transit project.

Multimillion-dollar construction dispute

- Obtained dismissal of a multimillion-dollar lawsuit related to the construction of a mixed-use building in Portland, Oregon.

Enforcement and payment of membership transfer agreements

- Procured the enforcement and payment of membership transfer agreements for multiple legal entities.

Affirmance of trial court decision

- Obtaining affirmance of trial court decision for property owners' association

Defense in adverse possession and boundary by acquiescence claims

- Successful defense of adverse possession and boundary by acquiescence claims

Defense in breach of contract claims

- Successful defense of breach of contract cases, including misappropriation of trade secrets and bad faith claims

Defense of FMLA, ADA, ADEA and race discrimination claims

- Successful defense of Family and Medical Leave Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, Age Discrimination in Employment Act and race discrimination claims

Insurance coverage litigation

- Successful representation of insureds and insurers in coverage litigation

Malicious prosecution claims

- Successful defense of a malicious prosecution claim

Marijuana business licensing guidance

- Representation of clients through the marijuana licensure process

Non-compete agreement disputes

- Obtaining invalidation of a covenant-not-to-compete contract

News & Insights

News

[Foster Garvey Recognized Among Nation's Top Firms in 2026 Chambers USA Guide: 34 Attorneys and 15 Practices Ranked](#)

[06.04.26](#)

[71 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among the 2026 Best Lawyers in America; Paul Trincherro Named 'Lawyer of the Year'](#)

[08.21.25](#)

[Portland City Council Appoints Justice Brooks to Community Board of Police Accountability](#)

[07.08.25](#)

[65 Foster Garvey Attorneys Selected to The Best Lawyers in America® 2025, Three Named 'Lawyer of the Year'](#)

[08.15.24](#)

[Six Portland Attorneys Named to 2024 Oregon Super Lawyers Lists](#)

[07.24.24](#)

[Six Portland Attorneys Named to 2023 Oregon Super Lawyers Lists](#)

[07.24.23](#)

[Foster Garvey Elevates Five to Principal](#)

[01.05.23](#)

[Justice Brooks Receives 2022 Portland Business Journal 40 Under 40 Award](#)

[05.13.22](#)

[Portland Business Journal's 2022 Forty Under 40 Profile: Justice Brooks](#)

[05.13.22](#)

[Foster Garvey Welcomes Justice Brooks as an Associate in the Firm's Litigation Practice](#)

[12.14.20](#)

Events

[Oregon State Bar Real Estate and Land Use Annual Conference 2025](#)

[08.21-08.23.2025](#)

[“The Impact of Generative AI and the Legal System,” OWLS Annual Fall CLE](#)

[11.07.24](#)

[“Motions to Strike,” Business Litigation Section](#)

[10.24.24](#)

[“Navigating the New Frontier: Artificial Intelligence in the Judiciary,” Judicial Conference](#)

[10.08.24](#)

[“Case Law Update,” 2024 Debtor-Creditor Section Annual Meeting and CLE](#)

[09.27-09.28.2024](#)

[“The Use and Potential Impacts of Generative AI in Law,” 2024 Oregon State Bar Litigation Institute and Retreat](#)

[02.23.24](#)

[“The Next Generation and the Future of Business Litigation”, 2024 American Bar Association Conference](#)

[02.01.24](#)

[YLS Spring 2023 CLE Seminar Series](#)

[04.23.23](#)

[“Success Tips For Lawyers Joining Firms,” Oregon State Bar Professional Liability Fund - 2022 Learning the Ropes Seminar](#)

[11.09.22](#)

[“Bankruptcy and State Court Case Law Update,” 2022 Oregon State Bar Debtor-Creditor Section Annual Meeting and CLE](#)

[09.30.22](#)

[“Real Estate Case Law Update,” Oregon State Bar Real Estate and Land Use Section Annual Summer Conference](#)

08.12.22

“Bankruptcy and State Court Case Law Update,” 2021 Oregon State Bar Debtor-Creditor Section CLE and Annual Meeting

10.29.21

“Real Estate Case Law Update,” 2021 Oregon State Bar RELU Summer Webinar Series

09.09.21

“The Ethics of Representing Marijuana Related Businesses,” Arkansas Bar Association

11.08.17

“Scariest Things About Marijuana Law,” Arkansas Bar Association

10.31.17

“Senate Joint Resolution 8,” W. Harold Flowers Law Society

06.17.17

“An AI Odyssey: How Practitioners Are Leveraging Artificial Intelligence,” ABA Section of Environment, Energy and Resources Fall Conference

October 23 – 25

Publications

Understanding Generative AI: A Primer for the Next Step in AI and Its Legal Applications

04.01.24

Mendoza v. WIS International, Inc.: The Supreme Court's Decision Makes Seat Belt Non-Use Relevant Evidence

12.21.17

Banking with Marijuana-Related Businesses: A Different Perspective

12.21.17

“The Ethics of Representing Marijuana-Related Businesses”

03.20.17

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