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Shawn is a business litigator with more than twenty years of experience helping businesses navigate and solve their most complex corporate and commercial disputes.

Shawn is the former Head of Dorsey's Seattle Trial Group and has extensive experience with disputes concerning securities, fiduciary duties, fraud, professional liability, contracts, corporate trusts, corporate control, and other related areas.

He has represented clients in a variety of industries, including banking, healthcare, agriculture, and real estate, among others. He also has substantial experience representing companies and individuals in internal investigations and regulatory enforcement matters. He frequently represents banks and broker-dealers in matters involving securities, banking, credit, and other financial services.

Shawn also has experience handling U.S. litigation involving parties in China, adding an international dimension to his commercial disputes practice.

Shawn has been recognized as a leading litigation attorney in Washington by *Chambers USA*, *Super Lawyers®*, and *Best Lawyers in America®*, among other industry honors.

Shawn is also active in the community. He previously served on the Board of Trustees of the King County Bar Association and currently serves as a Board member and former Board Chair of Kids Co., a childcare nonprofit. He also serves as the longstanding pro bono coordinator for Dorsey's Seattle office, where he contributes significant time toward pro bono trial and appellate matters involving constitutional rights.

Select Experience

- *Trout-Blue Chelan-MAGI, LLC d/b/a Chelan Fruit*: Represent agricultural cooperative and related defendants in consolidated commercial litigation arising from a 2021 merger and related business disputes. Obtained dismissal of all merger-related

Education

- New York University School of Law (J.D., 2002)
 - *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif
 - Allen Scholar; Pomeroy Scholar; Dean's Scholar
 - Senior Notes Editor, *New York University Law Review*
- Western Washington University (B.A., Philosophy, 1998)
 - *magna cum laude*
 - Phi Kappa Phi

Bar Admissions

- New York
- Washington
- Oregon

claims and claims against non-client defendants, and successfully defended appeal resulting in affirmance. Related counterclaims for breach of contract and other commercial claims remain ongoing.

- *Kusada et al. v. Niu et al.*: Represented defendant in multi-plaintiff, multi-million dollar litigation matter alleging fraud arising from business activities in China, successfully resulting in dismissal of all claims on summary judgment.
- *Chi Chen et al v. Quartzburg Gold L.P., et al.*: Defended national bank acting as escrow agent in multiple litigation matters relating to EB-5 offering.
- *SEC v. Path America, LLC, et al, and Lobsang Dargey*
Defended Lobsang Dargey in SEC enforcement action involving EB-5-related 10(b)(5) and 17(a) securities claims, resulting in negotiated resolution.

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Western and Eastern Districts of Washington
- U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon

Professional Affiliations

- King County Bar Association
 - Past Trustee, Board of Trustees
 - Past Co-Chair, Judiciary and Litigation Committee
 - Current and Past Member of Multiple KCBA Committees
- Washington State Bar Association
 - Past Committee Member, Court Rules and Procedures Committee
 - Past Chair, Electronically Stored Information (ESI) Subcommittee

Clerkships

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Honorable Marjorie O. Rendell, 2002–2003

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Board Member, Evergreen Children's Association d/b/a Kids Co.
 - Past Chair, Board of Directors

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, Litigation: General Commercial, Washington, 2023-2026
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Banking and Finance Litigation, Seattle, 2024-2026
- *Benchmark Litigation*, "Future Star," 2024-2026
- *Washington Super Lawyers*®, 2020-2026
- *Benchmark Litigation*, "Under 40 Hot List," 2016-2017
- *Washington Super Lawyers*®, "Rising Stars," 2010-2017
- *Puget Sound Business Journal*, "40 Under 40," 2015
- Consistently providing pro bono legal assistance to those in need through Dorsey's Pro Bono program

