

# GORDON TILDEN THOMAS & CORDELL LLP

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## CHARLES C. (CHUCK) GORDON

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Partner, Gordon Tilden Thomas & Cordell LLP, 2007-present

Partner, Gordon Murray Tilden LLP, 1996-2007

Joined Perkins Coie in 1971; Partner, 1978-96

### EDUCATION

University of Washington, J.D., 1969

Board of Editors, *Washington Law Review*

University of Washington, B.A., 1966

### RELATED EXPERIENCE

United States Army (Captain), Trial Counsel, 1969-71

### ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Washington

United States Court of Appeals: Ninth Circuit

United States District Courts: Western District of Washington, Eastern District of Washington

### PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation, including personal injury, commercial, environmental and real estate litigation

### REPRESENTATIVE TRANSACTIONS/CASES

- Over 27 years of experience in the management and trial of complex civil litigation throughout the state and federal courts in Washington State. Has significant trial experience in actions including personal injury, property claims, product liability, and other commercial litigation.

- Extensive experience during the last ten years in representing policyholders seeking to compel insurance coverage for costs incurred in the cleanup of hazardous waste sites. Has served as one of the lead trial counsel in the following environmental insurance cases:

- Boeing v. Aetna, et al., No. C89-352 (W.D. Wash.). This case involved claims in excess of \$100,000,000 and was one of the first major cases actually tried to judgment.
- Weyerhaeuser v. Aetna, et al., No. 92-2-05214-8 (Sup. Ct. Wash.). This case involves multiple sites and claims in excess of \$100,000,000. Trials were conducted in October 1994 and February 1996.
- Puget Sound Power & Light Company v. Aetna, et al., No. C92-0119 (W.D. Wash.). This case involved two sites and claims in excess of \$4,000,000. The matter was substantially resolved through multiple settlements.

- Responsible for management of Puget Sound Energy's litigation while at Perkins Coie from and after the utility it developed its self-insurance program in 1974.

- In addition to Puget Sound Power & Light, has consistently represented other national firms that have personal injury, property damage, and commercial litigation in the state of Washington. Extensive experience working with general counsel and risk management in the resolution of personal injury actions and commercial claims of all degrees and types.
- Has represented major taxpayers in appeals from local real—and personal—property tax assessments.
- Has served as lead counsel in the resolution of major litigation in settlement, trial, and appeal.

**PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

Numerous legal education presentations on multiple litigation subjects throughout his career.

**PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow

American Board of Trial Advocates, Member

Listed in The Best Lawyers in America (Woodward White) since 1995

Listed by National Law Journal as one of the “Top-Ten” Trial Lawyers in Washington (2000)

Faculty, National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA)

Municipal League

Washington Association of Defense Counsel, Trustee (former)

University of Washington Law School Foundation (former)