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PRACTICE EMPHASIS

- Antitrust & Trade Regulation
- Class Actions
- Commercial Litigation
- Consumer Protection
- Governments & Municipalities
- Intellectual Property
- Mass Personal Injury
- Securities

EDUCATION

Marquette University

B.S., *magna cum laude*, 1983,
Economics Faculty Award

Gonzaga University School of Law

J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1986,
Thomas More Scholar

Mark Griffin has over 31 years of experience in antitrust litigation. As a member of Keller Rohrback’s nationally recognized Complex Litigation Group, Mark has litigated over 100 class action cases, including over 40 antitrust class action cases, to successful conclusions. Mark joined Keller Rohrback in 1988 after serving as a judicial law clerk for Magistrate Judge Philip K. Sweigert of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington. He helped launch the firm’s antitrust practice with achievements including \$49.5 million in settlements in the Specialty Steel Pipe Antitrust Litigation, which paved the way for the firm’s success in other class action litigation. He represented hundreds of people injured by the historic Jack in the Box E. coli 0157:H7 outbreak, recovering over \$13 million in settlements and a Medical Monitoring and Treatment Trust for the class. He has led successful efforts to recover millions of dollars for victims of several “Ponzi” schemes, including a case (Getty v. Harmon) in which U.S. District Court Judge William L. Dwyer stated: “Class Counsel achieved real and substantial benefits for members of the Class. [Their] extensive prior experience in complex class action securities litigation . . . enabled the Class to analyze and achieve this excellent result.” He also led a case on behalf of a class of Seattle Supersonics fans who renewed their season ticket packages for the 2007-2008 season before the team was relocated to Oklahoma City, achieving a settlement that, according to U.S. District Judge Richard A. Jones, “provides meaningful monetary relief to every class member, and does so without the need for any class member to provide a claim form or other submission to establish his or her right to relief.” Mark has been a partner at Keller Rohrback since 1995, has served on the firm’s Executive Committee since 2001, and has chaired the Antitrust Practice Group since 2007. Most recently, his leadership in an antitrust class action resulted in settlements totaling almost \$90 million for registered nurses employed by hospitals in Detroit (Cason-Merenda v. VHS Michigan, Inc.). In approving the final settlement in that case, U.S. District Judge Gerald E. Rosen told the class representatives: “I think the lawyers, your lawyers in this case, have done a truly outstanding job, as good of a job as I’ve seen lawyers do in a major complex class action in my, what will be very shortly, 26 years on the bench.” Mark also represented the Navajo Nation in a lawsuit alleging Urban Outfitter’s infringement of the NAVAJO trademark and violation of the Indian Arts and Crafts Act

Since 2004, Mark has volunteered his time as pro bono coordinator at Keller Rohrback. In 2016, Mark was appointed by Governor Jay Inslee to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Legal Foundation of Washington (LFW) and was appointed in 2019 to serve a second three-year term. In 2019 he served as President of that Board. From 2010 to 2015, he served as a board member and officer of the Legal Aid for Washington Fund (LAW Fund) until it merged with LFW. The LFW and the LAW Fund through their Campaign for Equal Justice raise charitable contributions to ensure that justice is a reality, not just for those who can afford it, but for everyone in Washington state. In 2013, the firm received the President’s Award from the LFW for its work in Jerry Cooper, Inc. v. Lifequotes

of America, Inc., a case in which Mark helped achieve judgments totaling over \$760 million in favor of the plaintiff class. Mark also volunteers at Public Justice and has served as chair of the Consumer Protection, Antitrust & Unfair Business Practices Section of the Washington State Bar Association.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

1986, Washington

1986, U. S. District Court for the Western District of Washington

1989, U. S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

1990, U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington

1993, U. S. Supreme Court

2008, U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

2009, U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

2010, Arizona

2009, U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia

2010, U. S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

2013, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

2014, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

2019, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

HONORS & AWARDS

AV Rating, Martindale-Hubbell, 2000-Present

President’s Award, Legal Foundation of Washington, 2013

Named to Washington Super Lawyers list, 2011-2012, 2014-2019

Named a Rising Star, Super Lawyers – Washington, 2000

Thomas More Scholarship, 1983-1986

American Jurisprudence Award in Antitrust, 1986

American Jurisprudence Award in Remedies, 1986

American Jurisprudence Award in Agency and Partnerships, 1985

American Jurisprudence Award in Corporations, 1985

American Jurisprudence Award in Property, 1984

Alpha Sigma Nu (National Jesuit Honors Society) 1983

Beta Gamma Sigma (National Business Honors Society), 1982

Pi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science Honor Society), 1982

Pi Gamma Mu (International Honor Society in Social Science), 1982

Economics Faculty Award (outstanding student majoring in economics) 1983

Delta Sigma Pi Scholarship, 1979-1983

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Fellows of the American Bar Foundation, *Fellow*

Board of Trustees of the Legal Foundation of Washington

King County Bar Association, *Member*

Board of Advisors, Gonzaga University School of Law, 2012-2019

Washington State Bar Association, *Member*; Executive Committee (1997-2005), Chair (2005)

American Bar Association, *Member*; Litigation and Antitrust sections

Washington State Trial Lawyer’s Association, *Member*

Federal Bar Association, *Member*

Washington State Association for Justice, *Member*

American Civil Liberties Union of Washington, Cooperating Counsel

American Constitution Society, *Member*

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

“Opinion: Law Firms Should Step Up to Ensure Access to Justice Is a Reality for All Who Need It,” Puget Sound Business Journal, February 21, 2019

Antitrust Law Day at the University of Washington School of Law, February 7, 2018

“The Future of Reverse Payment Settlement Agreements after *FTC v. Actavis*,” 30th Annual Antitrust, Consumer Protection and Unfair Business Practices Seminar, November 8, 2013

“Intellectual Property v. Cultural Property: From Colonization to Co-Existence,” Intellectual Property Institute of Canada, September 27, 2013

Contributor, “Concurrent Antitrust Criminal and Civil Proceedings: Identifying Problems and Planning for Success,” American Bar Association, 2013

“Profile/Lynn Sarko: Leading the Way,” Bar Bulletin, December, 2011

“Cy Pres – News on Recent Decisions which may affect cy pres in the future,” LAW Fund Executive Committee Meeting, September 15, 2011

“Current Issues in Antitrust, *Twombly* Pleading Standards” (speaking for Mark Samson), State Bar of Arizona, June 20, 2008

The New Rules for Business Litigators: Keeping Ahead of the Curve, “The New Rules in Class Action Litigation,” Washington State Bar Association, November 13, 2007

Executive Editor, Washington Antitrust and Consumer Protection Handbook (2007 Supplement)

“Message from the Chair,” Antitrust, Consumer Protection Unfair Business Practices Newsletter, Washington State Bar Association, Fall 2005

Program Chair, “The Essentials of Civil Settlement Strategies,” Washington State Bar Association, October 8, 2003

Executive Editor, Washington Antitrust and Consumer Protection Handbook (Third Edition 2001)

Program Co-Chair, 2001 Antitrust, Consumer Protection and Unfair Business Practices Conference, Washington State Bar Association, November 9, 2001

Moderator, “How to Avoid Antitrust Actions Against Your Business Clients,” Washington State Bar Association, November 6, 1998

Program Committee, “1995 and Counting: A Symposium on Practices, Procedures and Professionalism,” Federal Bar Association of Western Washington, December 6, 1995

Program Committee, “Trials Viewed from the Bench: See What We See,” Federal Bar Association of Western Washington, December 7, 1994

Questions of Law Column on Antitrust Law, Washington State Bar Association, 1992

Program Co-Chair, “Trial Practice Seminar,” King County Bar Association, 1991

“Civil Service Protections for Police Officers,” Washington State Council of Police Officers, October 12, 1989

“Contractual Liability of Companies and Individuals,” International Television Association, Seattle Chapter, Legal Workshop, April 19, 1989

Note on Meier and Meier, 595 P.2d 474 (1979), 1986 Canadian-American Law Journal