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PRACTICE EMPHASIS

- ◆ Appeals
- ◆ Class Action & Complex Litigation
- ◆ Environmental Litigation
- ◆ Litigation on Behalf of State & Local Governments
- ◆ Wildfire Litigation

EDUCATION

Georgetown School of Foreign Service
B.S.F.S., *magna cum laude*,
2009 Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Sigma Nu

Harvard Law School

J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2013
Fay Diploma, 2013; Sears Prizes,
2010-2012; Notes Editor, Harvard Law Review;
Technical Editor, Harvard Environmental Law
Review

A partner in Keller Rohrback's nationally recognized Complex Litigation Group, Will focuses his practice on environmental, consumer, and other tort cases on behalf of individuals and cities, counties, and states, with a particular emphasis on trial work.

Since joining the firm in 2024, Will has served as lead or co-lead counsel in jury trials representing a state against an e-cigarette maker and individuals who lost their homes in the largest set of wildfires in Oregon's history, with the latter resulting in a \$56 million damages verdict. Will has also helped lead the firm's artificial intelligence practice group, having been appointed Co-Lead Interim Class Counsel in the copyright infringement class action *Hendrix et al. v. Apple, Inc.*, (N.D. Cal.).

Prior to joining the firm, Will spent over five years prosecuting criminal cases as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Western District of Washington. In that role, Will prosecuted local violent crime, property crime, and environmental crime, and served as the district's Criminal Civil Rights Coordinator, overseeing the investigation and prosecution of all hate crimes and unlawful uses of force by law enforcement officers. For three years, he was detailed to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, prosecuting felony cases arising out of the January 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol building.

Before moving to Seattle, Will litigated clean energy, environmental, and commercial matters at Jenner & Block LLP. He clerked for Justice Elena Kagan at the U.S. Supreme Court.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

2013, Maryland [inactive]

2014, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

2016, District of Columbia

2016, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

2017, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

2017, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

2018, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

2018, U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

2024, Washington

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

American Association for Justice, *Member*

King County Bar Association, *Member*

Washington State Bar Association, *Member*

District of Columbia Bar, *Member*

Federal Bar Association – WDWA, *Co-Chair*, Criminal Law
Committee

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Affiliate Instructor, University of Washington, U.S. Supreme
Court Seminar, 2021, 2022