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Related Practice Areas

- Commercial Litigation
- SEC Investigations and Enforcement Actions
- Securities Class Actions
- Internal and Audit Committee Investigations
- Accountants' Liability
- Energy Technologies

Education

- J.D., Stanford Law School, 1980
- B.A., with highest distinction, Phi Beta Kappa, University of Virginia, 1977

Honors

- Named in *Chambers America's Leading Lawyers for Business*
- U.S. News Best Lawyers Litigation - Securities Lawyer of the Year (2013, Seattle)
- Recognized as among *The Best Lawyers in America, Securities Law*
- Named as a "Superlawyer" by *Washington Law and Politics* for seven consecutive years
- Editor, *Stanford Law Review*

Mr. Greer, a partner in Orrick's Seattle office, is a member of the Securities Litigation and Regulatory Enforcement Group. Mr. Greer's practice focuses on complex commercial litigation with an emphasis on securities, corporate governance, and professional liability for accounting firms, class actions and energy issues.

Mr. Greer's current matters include the following.

- Representation of an investment bank in an action brought by the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle seeking to rescind the purchase of more than US\$500 million in RMBS certificates.
- Representation of a Big Four accounting firm in a wage-and-hour class action challenging the exempt status of unlicensed accountants.
- Representation of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of *Fortune* 500 company in internal investigation concerning FCPA issues.

Mr. Greer has represented issuers, officers, directors, accountants and underwriters in class action securities litigation and in SEC investigations and enforcement proceedings. Mr. Greer's practice also includes representation of companies, Special Litigation Committees and individuals in corporate governance disputes. He has conducted a number of internal investigations on behalf of boards of directors of both public and private companies. His experience in the energy arena includes the representation of the Bonneville Power Administration in an arbitration involving more than a billion dollars in claimed damages.

Admitted in

- Washington

Court Admissions

United States Court of Appeals

- Ninth Circuit
- Seventh Circuit

United States District Court

- Western District of Washington
- Eastern District of Washington

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Washington State Bar Association
- King County Bar Association

Publications

- "SEC Investigations and Enforcement Actions: A Practical Handbook for Municipal Securities Issuers" - August 2011
- "Secondary Liability Through The Back Door," *Law360* - November 2009

Speeches & Programs

- Moderator of the SEC Muni panel - Bond Buyer Conference (September 2011)
- RR Donnelley SEC Hot Topics Institute: Enforcement Issues (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)
- Directors Roundtable: SEC Enforcement Issues (October 2010)

- Navigating the Municipal Bankruptcy Minefield (Securities Liability Issues) - Bond Buyer Webinar (March 2012)
- Western District of Washington Federal Bar Association CLE: The Rejuvenation of Antitrust & Securities Law Enforcement (December 2009)

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