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Robert Weaver has been practicing in the areas of complex business, tax litigation and white-collar criminal defense for over 35 years. He has successfully represented individuals and corporations in federal and state courts and before the U.S. Tax Court. Mr. Weaver's criminal defense practice is broad and includes: representation of clients subject to government regulatory investigations which have potential civil and criminal penalties; performing protected, internal corporate investigations; and all aspects of trial and appeal.

He has defended cases involving allegations of environmental crimes, health care fraud, tax crimes, bank fraud and customs violations. He has also successfully represented a number of individuals in high profile cases, including several NBA players and the figure skater Tonya Harding. He is a frequent lecturer on all aspects of complex civil and criminal litigation.

Before entering private practice, Mr. Weaver entered the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice under the Honors Graduates Program. He went on to become the assistant U.S. attorney for the district of Oregon from 1979 to 1987. He then served as the chief of the Criminal Division for the U.S. Attorneys' Office from 1982 to 1988. As a federal prosecutor, Mr. Weaver successfully prosecuted major white-collar criminal cases on behalf of the U.S. government. Typically these cases included charges of securities fraud, tax fraud and healthcare fraud.

He was the chief federal prosecutor in the case of *United States of America v. Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, et al.*, which resulted in the conviction and deportation of Bhagwan and his followers. During his service as a government prosecutor, Mr. Weaver worked closely with agents of the Internal Revenue Service, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. Weaver is presently chair of the Litigation Group, and has served the firm in a variety of leadership roles since joining in 1989, including as a member of the Executive Committee and Portland Management Committee.

Services

- ▶ Commercial Litigation
- ▶ White Collar Defense and Investigations
- ▶ Securities Litigation and Enforcement
- ▶ Class Actions

Industries

- ▶ Maritime Companies and Fisheries
- ▶ Healthcare
- ▶ Government

Education

- ▶ University of Notre Dame Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 1975
- ▶ University of Notre Dame, B.A., *cum laude*, 1972

Admissions

- ▶ District of Columbia, 1979
- ▶ Oregon, 1980
- ▶ U.S. District Court, District of Oregon
- ▶ U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit
- ▶ U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit
- ▶ U.S. Tax Court
- ▶ Ohio, 1975 (inactive)

Professional Recognition

- ▶ Named by peers as "Lawyer of the Year" in the area of Criminal Defense: White-Collar in *Best Lawyers*, 2011
- ▶ Named by peers to *Best Lawyers* in the areas of Commercial Litigation and Criminal Defense: White-Collar and Non-White-Collar, 1995-2012
- ▶ ACLU Foundation of Oregon Civil Liberties Award for *pro bono* legal services to Guantánamo detainees, 2009
- ▶ Named by peers as a "Super Lawyer" in *Oregon Super Lawyers* magazine, 2006-2011; named among the Top 50 Oregon Super Lawyers, 2007-2010
- ▶ Named by peers to *Portland Monthly's* guide to the best lawyers in the Portland metropolitan area, 2006
- ▶ Oregon Chapter of the American Jewish Committee Learned Hand Award for "contributions in the finest tradition of the legal profession," 2006
- ▶ Multnomah Bar Association Professionalism Award, 2004
- ▶ Martindale-Hubbell AV/5.0 Peer Review Rated

Professional Activities

- ▶ Chair, 9th Circuit Judicial Conference Oregon District Delegation, 2007
- ▶ Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers, 2003
- ▶ Member, Legal Ethics Committee, Oregon State Bar, 1986-1990
- ▶ Chair, Federal Judicial Selection Committee, 1994 and 1997
- ▶ Chair, Executive Committee, Litigation Section, Oregon State Bar, 1996-1997

Community Activities

- ▶ Board Member, Catholic Charities of Oregon
- ▶ Past Board Member, St. Andrew's Legal Clinic
- ▶ Past President, Advisory Council, The Madeleine School

Events

- ▶ Battle of the Lawyers, Daily Journal of Commerce, Portland, OR, February 15, 2012
- ▶ "The Federal Government's Increased Focus on the Health Care Industry: More Lawyers, Guns and Money," Washington State Society of Healthcare Attorneys, 2011 September Quarterly Meeting, Seattle, WA, September 30, 2011
- ▶ "Don't Do This: Stupid Cross-Examination Mistakes," Skamania Lodge, March 4, 2011
- ▶ "Avoiding the Ethical Pitfalls of Internal Investigations: How to Protect Your Client and Yourself," The Criminal Law and Business Law Sections of the OSB, Multnomah Athletic Club, Portland, OR, February 17, 2011
- ▶ "Defending Mortgage Fraud Prosecutions", The Benson Hotel, December 3, 2010
- ▶ Responding to Government Audits and Investigations, Garvey Schubert Barer Webinar, April 12, 2007