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### **Walter H. Bithell**

For more than 40 years, Walt has been guiding clients through the complexities of litigation. He represents clients dealing with business and commercial disputes, personal injury and professional negligence litigation, construction and design claims, agricultural and crop damages, labor and employment matters, product liability damages and general litigation.

Walt was a senior litigation attorney with Holland & Hart for over 30 years before he established Bithell Law PLLC. Walt's prior experience includes partnerships at Holland & Hart and Langroise, Sullivan & Smylie as well as Assistant Attorney General for the state of Idaho where he served as general counsel for the Idaho State Department of Insurance and the Idaho State Tax Commission. He has published and lectured extensively on trial-related subjects. He is a qualified mediator with the Idaho Federal Court Mediation Panel and has participated in numerous mediations.

The Idaho Trial Lawyers Association (ITLA) created an award in Mr. Bithell's name, the Walter H. Bithell Professionalism Award, which honors an attorney each year for excellence and professionalism in their practice.

Mr. Bithell is admitted to practice in the following courts: Idaho Supreme Court (1968), United States District Court, District of Idaho (1968), United States Court of Federal Claims (1991) United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit (1992), and the United States Supreme Court (1995).

### **Honors & Awards**

- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers. Fellowship is extended only by invitation, after careful investigation, to those experienced trial lawyers who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility, and collegiality.

- The Best Lawyers in America© (1995-2017)
- The Best Lawyers in America© Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, and Personal Injury Litigation-Plaintiffs (2017) (2016)
- Fellow, the Litigation Counsel of America, A Trial Lawyer Honorary Society
- Awarded the Idaho State Bar's Distinguished Lawyers Award, 2013
- Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business (Litigation)
- LawDragon, the Leading 500 Trial Lawyers in America
- Mountain States Super Lawyers®, Business Litigation (2007- 2017)
- Benchmark Litigation, Local Litigation Star, Commercial Litigation (2012-2016)
- Idaho State Bar Professionalism Award (2006)
- Idaho Trial Lawyers Association, Trial Lawyer of the Year (2006)
- University of Idaho Alumni Association, UI Gold and Silver Award (2001) – recognizes living alumni who have a distinguished record of achievement and service in his/her specialized area of endeavor

## **Memberships & Affiliations**

- Committee Member, American Inns of Court, Ninth Circuit Committee
- 2012 Litigation Counsel of America, Idaho State Delegate Co-Chair
- National Board of Trustees, American Inns of Court (2006 – 2010)
- President, American Inns of Court No. 130 (1005 – 2006)
- President, Idaho State Bar (1998)
- Idaho Supreme Court, Committee on Revisions to the Idaho Civil Jury Instructions (1995-2004)
- Currently Board of Directors, University of Idaho Foundation
- Currently sustaining Member, SCRIBES, The American Society of Writers on Legal Subjects
- Commissioner, Idaho State Bar (1996 – 1998)
- Board of governors, American Association for Justice (formerly American Trial Lawyers Association) (1993 – 1996)
- President, Idaho Trial Lawyers Association (1981-1982)
- Past Member, Idaho Law foundation Board of directors
- Member, Idaho Mediation Association
- Civil Case Mediator, Idaho Supreme Court
- Idaho Federal Court Mediation Panel

## **Publications**

### **President's Column: Thanks**

*The Advocate*

Author(s): **Walter Bithell**

### **President's Column: Service**

*The Advocate*

Author(s): **Walter Bithell**

**President's Column: The California Experience: A Valuable Lesson**

*The Advocate*

Author(s): **Walter Bithell**

**President's Column: Thinking in the Future Tense**

*The Advocate*

Author(s): **Walter Bithell**

**President's Column: Successful Lawyers Are Not Rude and Unprofessional**

*The Advocate*

Author(s): **Walter Bithell**

**President's Column: Thinking, A Neglected Art**

*The Advocate*

Author(s): **Walter Bithell**

**Weekly Column Addressing Legal Issues from readers (for 5 years)**

*The Idaho Statesman* (Boise Idaho daily newspaper)

Author(s): **Walter Bithell**