

Jim Esterkin graduated from Pitzer College in 1975 and from Lewis and Clark Law School in 1980. He was admitted to practice in California in 1980 and Oregon in 1981, and has been admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court for the Districts of Oregon and the Central, Northern and Eastern Districts of California. He is also admitted to practice before the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Jim is a long standing member of the Oregon Trial Lawyers Association and was selected to speak at an Oregon Trial Lawyer Seminar on the subject of Court annexed arbitration. His practice includes a wide spectrum of civil litigation, including disputes involving real property, consumer law, and bodily injury cases.

#### Real Property:

Jim has represented a variety of clients in cases involving foreclosure, including bidders at foreclosure sales, lenders, trustees, and property owners. Jim's practice includes pre-litigation settlement of claims as well as advocating for clients in judicially resolved proceedings.

Jim regularly appears in court on behalf of landlords and tenants and has also counseled clients on matters involving boundary disputes, land sale contract challenges, and other issues involving real property rights.

#### Consumer Law:

As an attorney, Jim has helped defend consumer rights in claims of consumer fraud, warranty issues, violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the Oregon Unlawful Trade Practices Act and enforcement of many other consumer protection statutes.

#### Bodily Injury:

In 30 years of practice, Jim has represented many individuals who sought compensation for bodily injuries, as well as cases involving the wrongful death of loved ones. Jim's experience in this area of law allows him to advocate efficiently on behalf of individuals who are faced with the burdensome task of negotiating or litigating a claim with an insurance company.

#### Philosophy of Practice:

I believe my task as a lawyer includes more than obtaining a favorable outcome for the client. I attempt in my initial conference with clients to explain both the substantive law that includes their claim as well as the processes that will be followed to reach a resolution of their claim. I view my role as an attorney to include educating the client, so that the legal process includes predictability. I also view my role as remaining accessible to the client throughout the case.