

Justice J. Brooks, I

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Justice's practice focuses on commercial, business and real estate litigation as well as employment investigations and bankruptcy matters.

He has a broad range of trial and appellate experience in state and federal court. Justice advises and trains clients on business and employment matters and is a thought leader on topics relating to generative AI and its applications in the legal profession.

Justice currently sits on the Multnomah Bar Association Board of Directors and the Executive Committee for the Oregon State Bar—Litigation Section. He received his juris doctorate from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, William H. Bowen School of Law, holds an MBA from Alaska Pacific University and holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Education

J.D., University of Arkansas at Little Rock, William H. Bowen School of Law (*magna cum laude*), 2014

M.B.A., Alaska Pacific University, 2008

B.A., University of Alaska Anchorage, Psychology, 2006

Services

Litigation
Construction
Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy
Eminent Domain & Inverse Condemnation
Labor & Employment Litigation
Real Estate
Artificial Intelligence

Admissions

Oregon, 2019
Arkansas, 2014

Honors & Recognition

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch

- Bankruptcy and Creditors Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2026
- Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Real Estate, 2025-present

Forty Under 40 Honoree, Portland Business Journal, 2022

Top 40 Under 40 Attorney, The National Black Lawyers, 2022

Oregon Super Lawyers list, 2025

Rising Star, Oregon Super Lawyers, 2023-2024

Rising Star, Mid-South Super Lawyers, 2017-2018

Professional Activities

Community Board of Police Accountability, Portland City Council, Member, 2025-present

Multnomah Bar Association, Member

Board of Directors

- Events Committee, 2022-present
- CLE Committee, Chairperson, 2019-2022

Oregon State Bar, Litigation Section Executive Committee, Member, 2019-present

Foster Garvey, [Opportunity & Progress Council](#), Member, 2021-present

Foster Garvey, Professional Development Committee, Member, 2022-present

University of Arkansas at Little Rock, William H. Bowen School of Law

- Professional Mentor Program, Mentor, 2020-present
- Alumni Association, Board Member, 2018-2020

W. Harold Flowers Law Society, President, 2017-2018

Community Activities

Know Me Now, Crew Member, 2021-2022

American Red Cross of Greater Arkansas, Board Member, 2017-2018

Experience

Judgment for regional transit authority

Secured judgment for a large regional transit authority that permitted the continued construction of a large-scale transit project.

Multimillion-dollar construction dispute

Obtained dismissal of a multimillion-dollar lawsuit related to the construction of a mixed-use building in Portland, Oregon.

Enforcement and payment of membership transfer agreements

Procured the enforcement and payment of membership transfer agreements for multiple legal entities.

Affirmance of trial court decision

Obtaining affirmance of trial court decision for property owners' association

Defense in adverse possession and boundary by acquiescence claims

Successful defense of adverse possession and boundary by acquiescence claims

Defense in breach of contract claims

Successful defense of breach of contract cases, including misappropriation of trade secrets and bad faith claims

Defense of FMLA, ADA, ADEA and race discrimination claims

Successful defense of Family and Medical Leave Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, Age Discrimination in Employment Act and race discrimination claims

Insurance coverage litigation

Successful representation of insureds and insurers in coverage litigation

Malicious prosecution claims

Successful defense of a malicious prosecution claim

Marijuana business licensing guidance

Representation of clients through the marijuana licensure process

Non-compete agreement disputes

Obtaining invalidation of a covenant-not-to-compete contract

News

71 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among the 2026 Best Lawyers in America; Paul Trinchero Named 'Lawyer of the Year'

8.21.25

Six Attorneys Selected to 2025 Oregon Super Lawyers

Foster Garvey Newsroom, 7.22.25

Portland City Council Appoints Justice Brooks to Community Board of Police Accountability
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 7.8.25

65 Foster Garvey Attorneys Selected to The Best Lawyers in America® 2025, Three Named
'Lawyer of the Year'
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 8.15.24

Six Portland Attorneys Named to 2024 Oregon Super Lawyers Lists
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 7.24.24

Six Portland Attorneys Named to 2023 Oregon Super Lawyers Lists
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 7.24.23

Foster Garvey Elevates Five to Principal
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 1.5.23

Justice Brooks Receives 2022 *Portland Business Journal* 40 Under 40 Award
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 5.13.22

Portland Business Journal's 2022 Forty Under 40 Profile: Justice Brooks
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 5.13.22

Foster Garvey Welcomes Justice Brooks as an Associate in the Firm's Litigation Practice
Foster Garvey Newsroom, 12.14.20

Speaking Engagements

Oregon State Bar Real Estate and Land Use Annual Conference 2025
CLE Conference
Bend, OR, August 21-23, 2025

"The Impact of Generative AI and the Legal System," OWLS Annual Fall CLE
CLE
Portland, OR, 11.7.24

"An AI Odyssey: How Practitioners Are Leveraging Artificial Intelligence," ABA Section of
Environment, Energy and Resources Fall Conference
Speaking Engagement
Seattle, WA, October 23 - 25

"Motions to Strike," Business Litigation Section
Speaking Engagement
Portland, OR or Virtual, 10.24.24

"Navigating the New Frontier: Artificial Intelligence in the Judiciary," Judicial Conference
Speaking Engagement
Sunriver, OR, 10.8.24

"Case Law Update," 2024 Debtor-Creditor Section Annual Meeting and CLE
Speaking Engagement
Gleneden Beach, OR, September 27-28, 2024

"The Use and Potential Impacts of Generative AI in Law," 2024 Oregon State Bar Litigation
Institute and Retreat
Event
Gleneden Beach, OR, 2.23.24

"The Next Generation and the Future of Business Litigation", 2024 American Bar Association
Conference
Panel Discussion
Louisville, KY, 2.1.24

YLS Spring 2023 CLE Seminar Series
Speaking Engagement
4.23.23

"Success Tips For Lawyers Joining Firms," Oregon State Bar Professional Liability Fund – 2022
Learning the Ropes Seminar
Speaking Engagement
Portland, OR, 11.9.22

"Bankruptcy and State Court Case Law Update," 2022 Oregon State Bar Debtor-Creditor
Section Annual Meeting and CLE
Speaking Engagement
Portland, OR (Hybrid), 9.30.22

"Real Estate Case Law Update," Oregon State Bar Real Estate and Land Use Section Annual
Summer Conference
Speaking Engagement
Salishan Coastal Ledge, Gleneden Beach, OR, 8.12.22

"Bankruptcy and State Court Case Law Update," 2021 Oregon State Bar Debtor-Creditor
Section CLE and Annual Meeting
Speaking Engagement
Sunriver, OR (In-Person & Virtual Event), 10.29.21

"Real Estate Case Law Update," 2021 Oregon State Bar RELU Summer Webinar Series
Speaking Engagement
Virtual Event, 9.9.21

"The Ethics of Representing Marijuana Related Businesses," Arkansas Bar Association
Speaking Engagement
Arkansas Bar Association, 11.8.17

"Scariest Things About Marijuana Law," Arkansas Bar Association
Speaking Engagement
Arkansas Bar Association, 10.31.17

"Senate Joint Resolution 8," W. Harold Flowers Law Society
Speaking Engagement
W. Harold Flowers Law Society, 6.17.17

Publications

Understanding Generative AI: A Primer for the Next Step in AI and Its Legal Applications
Oregon State Bar Bulletin , 4.24

"The Ethics of Representing Marijuana-Related Businesses"
The Arkansas Lawyer, Vol. 52, No. 2, Spring 2017, Spring 2017

Mendoza v. WIS International, Inc.: The Supreme Court's Decision Makes Seat Belt Non-Use
Relevant Evidence
The Arkansas Lawyer, Vol. 52, No.1, Winter 2017, Winter 2017

Banking with Marijuana-Related Businesses: A Different Perspective
Arkansas Community Banker, Winter 2017