

# LYBECK PEDREIRA & JUSTUS, PLLC

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# BENJAMIN JUSTUS

Benjamin Justus maintains a broad civil litigation practice in the state and federal courts of Washington, representing a wide array of clients in insurance, construction, personal injury, commercial, copyright and professional malpractice matters. He pursues appeals in both state and federal courts. For years, he was one of a few attorneys in the nation representing individuals and families that were sued or threatened with suit by recording, film and other media companies for alleged internet-based copyright infringement.

Mr. Justus also has a diverse practice in administrative law. He represents physicians, nurses, other health care providers, Adult Family Homes and other assisted living and care facilities with respect to licensing issues, disciplinary proceedings, enforcement actions and other regulatory matters involving the Department and Social and Health Services (DSHS), the Department of Health (DOH), the Department of Labor and Industries (LNI), and other state and federal agencies. He has also assisted farm enterprises with regard to administrative law matters and issues.

Mr. Justus also has a corporate law and business transactions practice. He assists clients with the formation of corporations, limited liability companies and other business entities, and with the purchase and sale of businesses and real properties. He also assists clients with disputes related to past transactions, as well as real property liens, mortgages and foreclosures.

Before joining Lybeck Pedreira & Justus, PLLC and his prior years working in Washington State, Mr. Justus had a practice involving similar matters in New Jersey's state and federal courts. Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Justus served as law clerk to the Honorable Victor Ashrafi, Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey, after completing law school at the George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

## Practice Emphasis

Civil Litigation
Administrative Law
Business and Real Estate Transactions
Professional Liability
Health Care and Assisted Living
Copyright and Trademark Litigation
Residential Care Facilities
Construction Defects
Insurance Coverage and Defense
Personal Injury
Commercial Litigation
Products Liability
Appellate Litigation



Corporate Formation and Management Liens and Foreclosures

#### **Education**

- The George Washington University Law School, JD, 2003 Student Scholar
- University of Washington, BA, 2000 cum laude (CEP, Sociology)

#### **Admitted to Practice**

New Jersey State Courts

U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

Washington State Courts

U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Washington

Oregon State Courts

U.S. District Court, District of Oregon

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

#### **Professional Experience**

- Lybeck Murphy LLP, Associate, 2006 to 2013
- Burke & Potenza, PC, Associate, 2004-2006
- New Jersey Judiciary, Judicial Clerk to Honorable Victor Ashrafi, JSC, 2003-2004
- Law Offices of Laurance J. Ochs, Law Clerk, 2002-2003

#### **Professional and Community Associations**

- American Bar Association
- Washington State Bar Association
  - Administrative Law Section
- King County Bar Association
  - IP Section
- Electronic Frontier Foundation, Subpoena Defense Resources

### Presentations

The RIAA's Campaign of Intimidation on Campus: Record Industry Threats and Potential Responses by College Students

Presented May 8, 2008, University of Washington School of Law

Legal and Regulatory Issues for Adult Family Home Providers Presented June 14, 2014, Highline Community College.

Unemployment Insurance 101: Assessing and Responding to Claims for U.I. Benefits Presented May 19, 2011, Renton, WA.

Arbitration Invasion: Recent Developments in the Law of Arbitration: Unconscionability and Non-Signatory Claims

Presented June 17, 2010, Mercer Island, WA.

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