

NEWS

Prominent Appellate Lawyer Tom Christ Joins Sussman Shank LLP

JUNE 28, 2018

Sussman Shank is pleased to welcome highly-regarded appellate attorney [Tom Christ](#) as a partner in the firm's Litigation Department. Tom specializes in civil appeals and insurance coverage, including litigation of coverage disputes. He has argued over four hundred cases in various appellate courts, including the Oregon and Washington supreme courts and courts of appeal, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He has also argued a case in the United States Supreme Court (*Vernonia School District 47J v. Acton* (1995)).

"We are pleased that Tom has joined our firm," said Steve Seguin, Chief Operating Officer of Sussman Shank. "His reputation, experience, and the respect for him as an appellate lawyer reflects his impeccable character and superior knowledge in his practice. His substantial experience in appellate law and litigation will complement our team of distinguished business litigators and benefit our clients."

Tom also practices constitutional and election law. He has successfully challenged laws that infringe on free speech, as well as several voter-approved initiatives that improperly attempted to amend the Oregon Constitution. He has also successfully defended some initiatives against legal challenges.

In 1990, the Oregon Supreme Court appointed Tom to be a part-time judge in the Multnomah County Circuit Court, and he has been re-appointed for 28 years consecutively. He sits as judge each month, hearing motions.

Tom received his J.D. from the University of Oregon School of Law and his bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon. He is admitted to the Oregon State Bar and the bars of the United States District Court for



the District of Oregon, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.

Welcome to the team, Tom!

About Sussman Shank LLP

Founded in 1960 in Portland, Oregon, Sussman Shank is a full-service business, litigation, and commercial bankruptcy law firm with over 30 lawyers. Our clients include public and private companies, government entities, institutions, non-profit organizations, and individuals. In 2018, Sussman Shank was named by Oregon Business Magazine, for the 12th year, as one of the "100 Best Companies to Work for in Oregon," and for the 7th year, as one of the "100 Best Green Workplaces in Oregon."

Related Attorneys

Thomas M. Christ

Partner

503.243.1661 x 280

tchrist@sussmanshank.com