



DEREK Y. SUGIMURA

Derek's practice focuses on complex commercial litigation. He represents clients in federal and state courts on matters related to insurance coverage and other issues. Examples of recent matters include:

- Representing a major auto parts manufacturer seeking insurance coverage for bodily injury and environmental liabilities
- Representing a 524(g) Trust seeking insurance coverage for claims brought against a refractory-materials manufacturer
- Serving as special insurance counsel to the claimants' committee in a bankruptcy case filed by an installer of asbestos-containing insulation
- Serving as special insurance counsel to a claimants' committee in a major hospital bankruptcy
- Representing a public interest group seeking remedies for violations of the Fair Housing Act and Americans with Disabilities Act
- Representing a Fortune 100 national bank in pursuing mortgage fraud claims and a bankruptcy recovery

Before entering private practice, Derek served as a law clerk to the Honorable Howell Cobb, U.S. Senior District Judge for the U.S. Eastern District of Texas in Beaumont. Derek also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Marcia Crone, U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

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EDUCATION

- 2004 — J.D., The University of Texas School of Law, with Honors, Order of the Coif
- 2001 — B.S., Texas A&M University, *summa cum laude*, University Honors, Foundation Honors

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Virginia (associate member)
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland

PRACTICE AREAS

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Bankruptcy & Reorganization
- Complex Litigation
- Insurance

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Co-Chair, Washington Legal Aid Society's Generous Associates Campaign
- Associate Trustee, Washington Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association, Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section
- Virginia Bar Association