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Art Claflin has more than 30 years of experience litigating a wide range of civil cases, including business disputes, securities claims, insurance coverage, antitrust, consumer protection, and professional negligence. Art has been honored by his peers as a *Washington Law & Politics* "Super Lawyer" six years in a row.

Education

- *Yale Law School*, J.D., 1975

- *Wesleyan University*, B.A., magna cum laude, 1972
  - Phi Beta Kappa

Practice History

- *Hall Zanzig Claflin McEachern PLLC*
  Member, 2000-present

- *Claflin & Christensen*
  Partner, 1999-2000

- *Bogle & Gates*
  Partner, 1981-1999; Associate Attorney, 1975-1981

Selected Cases

- *SmartContractor v. RightWorks Corp.* Obtained a $2.6 million jury verdict in favor of the client, SmartContractor, Inc., a Seattle start-up company in the high-tech industry whose website business failed as a result of defective software procured from a major software vendor. (King County Superior Court)

- *B-Line Holdings, LLC Litigation.* Represented founder of leading provider of consumer debt purchasing, processing and recovery services in litigation with an equity fund concerning the terms on which the company could be sold. Following a two-week trial to the court, and a series of revisions to

the proposed sales terms favoring the founder, the court entered partial judgment permitting sale of the company. (Circuit Court of Oregon for Multnomah County)

- *Ackerman v. Alhadeff (ENI Securities Litigation).* Lead counsel for defendant Arthur Andersen in a federal securities/RICO case brought by investors in ENI oil and gas programs. The case settled on favorable terms for Arthur Andersen during the jury trial. (U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington)

- *Rembold v. Pacific First Federal.* Lead counsel for defendant Price Waterhouse in a federal securities/RICO case brought by investors in an offering of Pacific First Federal stock. After several years of litigation and the completion of discovery, the case was settled on favorable terms for Price Waterhouse. (U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon)

- *Corrugated Container Antitrust Litigation.* Counsel for defendant Longview Fibre Co. during grand jury investigation, civil class action and opt-out lawsuit phases of multi-district litigation. A four-month jury trial of the opt-out lawsuits in Houston resulted in a defense verdict. (U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas)

Committees & Conferences

- Lawyer Delegate, *Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference*
  1994-1996

- Member, *WSBA Judicial Recommendation Committee*
  1988-1991

Continuing Legal Education Speaker

- *Washington State Bar Association* - March 1998
  "Professional Liability"

- *Washington State Bar Association* - May 1986
  "Civil Procedure Before Trial"

- *Washington State Bar Association* - September 1984
  "Common Business Problems with Antitrust Implications"

- *Washington State Bar Association* – May 1984
  "Examining Financial Statements"

- *Washington State Bar Association* - 1982
  "Successful Litigation of Antitrust and Commercial Cases"

Associations

- American Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association, Western District of Washington
- Washington State Bar Association
- Washington State Trial Lawyers Association

Admitted to Practice

- Washington State Courts
- U.S. Courts of Appeals, Ninth and Fifth Circuits
- U.S. District Court, Western and Eastern Districts of Washington