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Dustin is a trial lawyer who represents professionals, insurance companies, and businesses involved in complex litigation. Dustin has successfully briefed and argued numerous motions on behalf of his clients, including complex motions for summary judgment involving the lack of proximate cause in the contexts of wrongful death and personal injury claims, missed statute of limitations relating to the “some damage” requirement, and the fairly debatable standard in allegations of insurer bad faith.

Dustin has encountered a litany of insurance issues in his litigation practice. That experience has made him appreciate the nuances of insurance policies and endorsements and helped him advise carriers on numerous insurance issues, including policy interpretations, coverage evaluations, and defending and avoiding bad-faith allegations. Dustin has also successfully defended insurance companies in arbitrations in first-party matters involving disputes over damages and insurance coverage issues.

Dustin has an innate ability to find common ground with (nearly) everyone he encounters. He can talk about his experiences growing up on a farm in Idaho and learning what it means to put in a hard day’s work yet transition to complex medical and engineering issues. Dustin enjoys litigating, as it presents a new problem to solve every day and is something he gets to help others through, likely for the first time.

EXPERIENCE

- Dustin's prior legal experience includes:
 - **Partner at Powers Farley, PC**, where he represented insurance companies, businesses, and professionals in complex litigation and licensing issues.
 - **Law clerk for Judge David W. Gratton of the Idaho Court of Appeals**, where he assisted the Court with drafting judicial memorandums and legal research.

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- Boise Adjusters Association (BAA), Member
- Idaho Association of Defense Counsel (IADC), Member
- Idaho State Bar (ISB) Litigation section, Member
- Idaho State Bar (ISB) Professionalism & Ethics section, member

SELECT PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter: "Thoughts from Retained Counsel," Boise Adjusters Association (BAA), Boise, Idaho (February 2024)

IRRELEVANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- He once ran the Olympic Torch and, thankfully, did not trip or let the flame go out.
- He once played a round of golf where he had more putts (45) than other shots (39).

EDUCATION

Dustin is a sixth-generation Idahoan and a graduate of Emmett High School.

- Gonzaga University, Bachelor of Arts
- University of Idaho College of Law, J.D.