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John Neeleman focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation, class actions, antitrust and trade litigation, and professional malpractice litigation. He regularly represents clients in federal and state courts and federal, state, and local administrative agencies, and provides advice and counsel to corporate clients and business owners in matters involving varied and complex factual and legal issues. As a commercial litigator focusing on complex matters, John has tried cases and won large plaintiff verdicts and defense verdicts for businesses in state and federal courts in Washington and Alaska.

John has successfully represented clients in proceedings before state and federal administrative agencies. He has litigated the entire panoply of federal and state Constitutional law issues regularly facing business owners including, but not limited to, those arising under the Due Process, Equal Protection, and Interstate and Foreign Commerce clauses, and the First, Fifth, and Fourteenth amendments of the U.S. Constitution.

Prior to joining the firm, John was a shareholder in a large Seattle law firm.

John was recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® in 2027 and the six years immediately preceding for Commercial Litigation. In 2026, clients named John as a "BTI Client Service All-Star" in recognition of his client service excellence. He was recognized as a "Top Lawyer" for Business/Commercial in 2010 by *Seattle Metropolitan Magazine*. John is AV *Preeminent*® rated by Martindale-Hubbell.*

Education

Georgetown University Law Center J.D. (1986)

University of Utah B.A. (1982) *magna cum laude*

Admissions

Washington (1990)

Alaska (1986)

Court Admissions

Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

Professional & Community Activities

American Bar Association, Death Penalty Representation Project, Pro Bono Counsel

Japan-Seattle Suzuki Institute, Board of Directors, Member

Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra, Board of Directors, Member (2009-Present)

Billings Middle School Board of Directors (2016-Present)

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