

# About Ron Rhodes

## Knowing When to Hold the Line and When to Release



Ron spent the first 30 years of his law practice as a trial lawyer litigating personal injury cases, wrongful death cases, construction defect and construction work site injury cases. He has also been involved in lawsuits involving business torts, large property damage claims and allegations of fraud and defamation. He also provided legal services in drafting commercial lease agreements, agency contracts as well as property acquisition contracts.

Since 2007, he has served as a mediator or arbitrator in hundreds of cases involving the above areas of law mentioned as well as cases involving breach of contract, employee dishonesty, employee discrimination as he has served as a referee in claims involving fire loss appraisals, and property damage and physical injury to personal and business property.

Over the years as a trial attorney Ron has worked with attorneys from virtually every corner of the state of Oregon and has advocated on behalf of his clients in jury trials in all but nine Oregon County Courthouses. He has mediated or arbitrated hundreds of civil law suits on behalf of his clients. He enjoys the reputation as a worthy advocate by his peers and by the judges he has appeared before. He is recognized for his cordial people skills, his strong legal skills and for practicing law with the highest integrity.

## An Active Participant In His Community

Ron earned his Juris Doctor degree from Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College and his Bachelor of Science from the University of Oregon. He is admitted the state and federal courts of Oregon. He received his initial mediation training at the University of Washington, School of Law – Professional Mediation Skills Institute.

Ron lives with his wife and family in Portland, Oregon. He has been active in organized youth sports and was chairman of the City of Portland Task Force for the development of sports fields within Portland's city parks. He is a member of the Oregon State Bar and has been an active member in several bar committees and chairman of the Unlawful Practice of Law Committee.

He is an avid fly fisherman and has enjoyed fishing adventures locally as well as across the western United States, Alaska, Mexico and the Bahamas. He is a member of the Fly Fisher's Club of Oregon and Freshwater Trust. He has tested the waters enough to know exactly when to release the fish so that it is a win-win situation.

## Contributing to the Legal Profession

- Member of [Oregon State Bar](#)
- Member of [Oregon Mediation Association](#)
- Neutral member [Oregon Association of Defense Counsel](#)
- Neutral member of [Oregon Trial Lawyers' Association](#)
- Member of [Oregon State Bar Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, Construction Section and Litigation Section](#)