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### Education

- Seattle University School of Law  
J.D., Magna Cum Laude, 1995
- Ohio University  
B.S. (Physics) & A.B. (History),  
Honors Tutorial College, Cum Laude,  
1992

### Clerkships

- Hon. Ruggero J. Aldisert, U.S. Court  
of Appeals, Third Circuit (1996-1997)
- Hon. Eugene A. Wright, U.S. Court of  
Appeals, Ninth Circuit (1995) (extern)

### Bar Admissions

- California
- Washington
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Central District of  
California

Curt Cutting helps manufacturers, insurers, and other businesses defend against high-stakes litigation, especially in cases where plaintiffs are seeking punitive damages. His work in punitive damages cases, both at the trial court level and on appeal, has resulted in the reduction or outright reversal of a number of multi-million dollar punitive damages awards.

At the trial court level, Curt assists clients with strategic consulting, preparation of critical motions, and preserving dispositive issues for appeal. On appeal, Curt has served as lead counsel in cases involving a wide range of subject areas, including products liability, mass torts, business disputes, and insurance law. He has presented dozens of oral arguments, including appearances before the California Supreme Court and the Supreme Court of Guam.

Curt is a partner at the firm, where he has been practicing since 1997. Curt, along with other attorneys at Horvitz & Levy, serves as West Coast appellate counsel for a Fortune 100 company in asbestos litigation, assisting at the trial court level and representing the company as lead counsel on appeal.

He is the primary contributor to the firm's [blog on punitive damages](#). He has provided commentary on punitive damages litigation for various media outlets, including *The National Law Journal*, *The Seattle Times*, *The Associated Press*, *The San Diego Union Tribune*, *The Daily Journal*, *The Recorder*, *BNA's Class Action Litigation Reporter*, and *Business Insurance*.

### Professional Associations

- [Association of Southern California Defense Counsel](#)
- [American Bar Association](#), Council of Appellate Lawyers, *Chair of Long-Range Planning Committee (2004-2006)*, *Member of Executive Board 2000-2003*, *Chair of Membership Committee 2001-2004*, *Judicial Division Lawyers Conference*, *Publications Chair 1999-2001*, *Litigation Section Appellate Practice Committee*
- [Council on Litigation Management](#)
- [DRI](#)
- [Federal Bar Association](#), *Los Angeles Chapter*
- [State Bar of California](#), [Business Law Section](#), *Business Litigation Standing Committee*

### Publications

- [California's Latest Litigation Invitation: A Duty to Protect Against "Take-Home" Exposure](#) (May 19, 2017) Washington Legal Foundation, Legal Opinion Letter
- [Ruling Shows Challenges to Post-Trial Attacks on Punitive Damages](#)(Aug. 4, 2016), *Daily J.*, p. 8
- [Will the Billable Hour Go the Way of the Law Library? \(Perspective\)](#)(July 28, 2016) Bloomberg Law
- [An Appellate Perspective on Litigation Management](#)(Winter 2013) *In-House Defense Quarterly (DRI)*, p. 18
- *Appellate Practice Compendium* (ABA Book Publishing 2012) Chapter 20, California

- [Supreme Court of California: Manufacturers are not Liable for Injuries Caused by Someone Else's Product](#)(March 9, 2012) Wash. Legal Foundation, Legal Opinion Letter, Vol. 21, No. 6
- [Punitive Damages: Inching Towards Predictability](#)(June 18, 2010) Claims Magazine [online exclusive]
- [Keeping Up Appearances](#)(Nov. 23, 2009) Daily J., p. 5
- [An Emerging Trend?: Federal Appeals Court Limits Punitive Damages To 1:1 Ratio](#)(2009) Wash. Legal Foundation, Legal Opinion Letter, Vol. 19, No. 3
- [Premature New Trial Motions](#) (March 2006) California Lawyer, p. 24
- [Baby Steps: California Supreme Court Cautiously Ventures Into Federal Punitive Damages Law](#)(2d. Quarter 2005) Verdict
- [Problematic New Civil Jury Instructions](#) (May 2004) California Lawyer, 20
- [Winning on Appeal: Better Briefs and Oral Arguments](#) by Ruggero J. Aldisert (2nd edition 2003) Chapter 23, How Top-Flight Appellate Lawyers Prepare for Oral Argument
- [The Courts and the News Media](#) (California Judges Association 7th ed. 2001) Chapter 6, Legal Research
- [Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the Federal Judiciary](#) (Spring 2000) A.B.A. Jud. Division Rec. 18
- [Discovery Reform on the Horizon?](#) (Winter 1999) A.B.A. Jud. Division Rec. 21
- [Bad Enough to Punish: The Application of the Reprehensibility Guidepost in Punitive Damages Cases After BMW v. Gore](#) (Fall 1998) 49 Fed'n of Ins. & Corp. Couns. Q.
- [Turning Point for 10b-5: Will Congressional Reforms Protect Small Corporations?](#) (1995) 56 Ohio St. L.J. 555