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Nick is a seasoned trial attorney who represents clients in complex commercial litigation, including contract disputes, business torts, consumer class actions, and product liability cases. Clients depend on Nick to vigorously defend their interests both inside and outside the courtroom.

OVERVIEW

Nick focuses his practice on business litigation, including claims for breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, product liability, and unfair competition. He also represents businesses in a wide variety of class action matters in state and federal courts across the U.S.

Nick has significant experience defending companies in employment disputes concerning wrongful termination, harassment, wage and hour claims, and trade secrets misappropriation.

Nick's clients range from large publicly traded companies to small businesses across industries such as financial services, software, real estate, hospitality, and consumer products manufacturing.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Complex Commercial Litigation

- Prevailed in a four-week trial in shareholder derivative action concerning breaches of fiduciary duty by the company's directors.
- Obtained summary judgment for investment bank in lawsuit involving claims for breach of fiduciary duty, conspiracy, unfair competition, and unjust enrichment.
- Obtained dismissal with prejudice of lawsuit against a national trade show services company asserting claims for fraud and breach of contract.
- Obtained terminating sanctions on behalf of directors of a corporation who were defrauded by their business partner, which resulted in multimillion dollar judgment being entered in favor of his clients on claims for fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, and breach of contract.
- Defending financial institution in several lawsuits stemming from alleged data breaches.
- Defending building materials company in several lawsuits concerning alleged product defects.
- Served as counsel for an aerospace company in a multimillion-dollar fraud and breach of contract lawsuit

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involving complex issues and highly technical facts.

- Defended an international electronics company in consumer class actions involving unfair competition and novel privacy issues.
- Successfully defended an e-cigarette manufacturer in a consumer class action involving false advertising and unfair competition.

Labor and Employment

- Defending an educational services company in several wage and hour class action lawsuits and individual lawsuits alleging wrongful termination, harassment, and retaliation.
- Defended an appliance company in wrongful termination case seeking millions of dollars in alleged unpaid commissions.
- Defended a real estate development company in wrongful termination and racial discrimination case seeking more than $1 million in damages.
- Defended a real estate investment trust in a Sarbanes-Oxley whistleblower case.

AWARDS

Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation (2026-2027)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Business Litigation
- Class Action
- Labor + Employment
- Product Liability

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Business Litigation
- Class Action
- Consumer Products
- Financial Services
- Financial Services Litigation
- Labor + Employment
- Labor + Employment Litigation + Dispute Resolution
- Litigation + Trial
- Noncompete + Trade Secrets
- Product Liability
- Real Estate Litigation

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Board member, Constitutional Rights Foundation (2018-present)
- Associate board member, OCBF Project Youth (2017-present)
- Former president, UC Irvine Anteaters in Law

- Former member, UC Irvine Young Alumni Council

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of California, Irvine School of Law, J.D., 2015
- University of California, Irvine, B.A., *cum laude*, 2011

BAR ADMISSIONS

- California

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California