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Nick defends financial services and aviation companies in complex litigation. His unique background as a commercial pilot provides him with a deep understanding of the aviation industry.

OVERVIEW

Nick focuses his practice on business, financial services, and aviation litigation. He has extensive experience drafting and filing pleadings, motions, and substantive briefs, and preparing clients for various proceedings in state and federal courts. Nick frequently defends financial services companies in individual and class action litigation involving the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), Truth in Lending Act (TILA), Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA), Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), and state consumer fraud and unfair or deceptive business practices statutes.

In aviation litigation, Nick routinely defends airlines and other aviation companies against allegations of negligence, third-party contribution, and breach of contract.

AWARDS

- Cook County Bar Association, Next Generation Award (2023)
- Just the Beginning – A Pipeline Organization, 5 Under 40 (2018)
- *Super Lawyers*® Illinois Rising Star, Business Litigation (2019-2020)
- Lawyers of Color, Hot List (2014)
- Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, Distinguished Service Award

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Class Action
- Financial Services Litigation
- Litigation + Trial

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

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- Business Litigation
- Class Action
- Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)
- Consumer Financial Services
- Financial Services Litigation
- Litigation + Trial

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Participant, Chicago Bar Association Leadership Institute
- Member, Cook County Bar Association
- Member, Lawyer-Pilots Bar Association
- Member, Economic Club of Chicago
- Captain, mock trial team, Legal Prep Charter Academy
- Board member, ADL Midwest
- Fellow, Leadership Greater Chicago Signature Fellows Program (2021)
- Fellow, Chicago Committee Pathway to Partnership Program (2020)

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of Illinois College of Law, J.D., *associate editor, Elder Law Journal*, 2010
- The Ohio State University, B.A., 2006

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Michigan
- Ohio

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, District of Nebraska
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, “Hot Topics in Foreclosure Litigation,” Locke Lord, April 19, 2023.

PUBLICATIONS

- Podcast, “Year in Review and Look Ahead: Servicing and Collections in Flux – How States, Reg F, and Coerced Debt Laws Are Rewriting the Playbook,” *The Consumer Finance Podcast*, March 19, 2026.

MEDIA COMMENTARY

- Quoted, “Lawyers Working to Get Survivors, Creditors Up to Speed with NY’s Coerced Debt Protections,” *New York Law Journal*, September 15, 2026.