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OVERVIEW

Nick focuses his practice on all aspects of litigation in state and federal courts and alternative dispute resolution forums across the country. He represents clients in business torts, contract disputes, False Claims Act actions, government investigations, trust and estate disputes, and general commercial litigation. Nick's clients include a national wholesale medical and pharmaceutical distributor, major national health care company, large midstream energy company, global investment bank, broker-dealers, international ridesharing company, regional food distributor, and business owners, among others.

Nick helps clients navigate complex legal challenges, helping to secure outcomes in their favor, such as dismissals, judgments, and defenses in appeals and arbitrations. His approach is thorough and client-focused, helping to ensure that each case is handled with meticulous attention to detail and strategic planning.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Commercial Litigation and Disputes

- Ongoing representation of a wholesale distributor in connection with the multidistrict prescription opioid litigation.
- Ongoing representation of a major national health care company in various actions in state and federal court
 and alternative dispute resolution forums involving a variety of contract and business tort claims, as well as
 concluded representation in a putative class action.
- Representation of a major midstream energy company in a breach of contract action.
- Secured judgment for a global investment bank appellee in appeal before the Appellate Court of Illinois, Second District, in a conversion and breach of contract action.
- Representation of an international investment bank and former manager of a Delaware LLC in breach of an LLC agreement and breach of fiduciary duty action involving the merger of the LLC.
- Representation of an international ridesharing company in various actions in state and federal court.
- Representation of a regional food distributor in a breach of contract and breach of guaranty action.

False Claims Act (Qui Tam) Litigation and Government Investigations

- Secured a dismissal of a False Claims Act complaint and related government investigation of a major national health care company in a matter involving numerous allegations pertaining to facilities across the country.
- Ongoing representation of a major national health care company in other False Claims Act investigations.
- Ongoing representation of a major national health care company in a False Claims Act qui tam litigation involving alleged upcoding and violations of federal and state Anti-Kickback Statutes. Secured government decision to not intervene in qui tam suit.

Other Disputes

- Ongoing representation of a business owner in complex trust and estate litigation.
- Secured judgment for an insurer-appellant in an appeal before the Indiana Court of Appeals in an insurance coverage action.
- Secured a respondent judgment for a financial services company in an arbitration defense of a securities action involving allegations of churning and breach of fiduciary duty.
- Third chair in a weeks-long multimillion-dollar securities arbitration before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority in a matter involving claims for breach of fiduciary duty and more.

AWARDS

- Best Lawyers in America® Ones to Watch: Litigation Banking and Finance (2026)
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and Chicago Chapter, Federal Bar Association, Excellence in Pro Bono Service Award (2023)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- False Claims Act + Other Whistleblower Actions
- Financial Services Litigation
- Litigation + Trial

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Business Litigation
- False Claims Act + Other Whistleblower Actions
- Financial Services Litigation
- Health Care Litigation
- <u>Litigation + Trial</u>
- White Collar Litigation + Investigations

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, American Bar Association
- Counsel, The Family Place

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Indiana University Maurer School of Law, J.D., 2016, managing editor, Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies
- Indiana University Kelley School of Business, M.B.A., 2016, Emerging Market Scholar
- Iowa State University, B.S., magna cum laude, 2012

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas
- Illinois

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas