



David Allen is an experienced trial attorney who advises clients on product liability cases, consumer class actions, commercial claims, toxic torts and partnership disputes. Throughout the dispute resolution process, David is aligned with the client's goals for resolving matters in a cost effective manner.

David has proven time and again that he is able to navigate the most difficult disputes and litigation claims. In fact, the more complicated the problem, the more dedicated David is to resolving it. With more than 30 years of experience trying complex claims across the country in state and federal courts and arbitral venues, David has resolved federal multidistrict litigation, state coordinated proceedings, multi-party claims and nationwide class actions. He has represented companies in cases involving commercial contracts, real estate development, occupational and environmental chemical exposure, letters of credit and unfair competition.

Clients and colleagues alike appreciate that David is able to effectively and efficiently manage large-scale, high-stakes and protracted litigation. An outstanding team player, David has performed lead and supporting roles, including on multi-firm teams assembled to manage numerous related claims. David is the ultimate problem-solver. He understands how to assess sophisticated legal issues in light of the client's business challenges and expectations. He works with clients to develop a strategy designed to lead to the desired result, while incorporating their bigger picture goals.

Although David offers a track record of helping clients devise successful strategies at trial, the reality is that most cases settle. He is equally valued for his ability to favorably settle difficult claims, saving his clients time, resources and money. Known for his skill in establishing credibility, opposing counsel knows that David can and will try a case if necessary. A straightforward and persuasive communicator, David designs litigation and settlement tactics that are both reasonable and balanced in light of the client's business objectives.

David's analytical abilities are honed and acute. He knows how, from

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EDUCATION

Providence College, (B.A.), cum laude,
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George Washington University, (J.D.),
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BAR ADMISSIONS

California

Massachusetts

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of
Columbia Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First
Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth
Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth
Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third
Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Central District
of California

U.S. District Court for the District of
Arizona

U.S. District Court for the District of
Columbia

U.S. District Court for the Eastern
District of Virginia

U.S. District Court for the Northern
District of California

U.S. District Court for the Southern
District of California

U.S. District Court for the Western

practical experience, to best present his client's position – both in writing and oral argument. Moreover, David's industry experience is particularly broad, ranging from petrochemicals to logistics to marketing and sales of consumer products and from real estate development to product design, manufacturing and quality assurance, including medical devices and pharmaceuticals.

Prior to joining the firm, David served as managing partner of the Los Angeles office of another major commercial law firm, as well as on its Management Committee.

District of Virginia

LANGUAGES

English

PRACTICES

Commercial Litigation

Compliance and Monitorships

Consumer Class Action Defense

Contract Litigation

Drug and Medical Device

Environmental Litigation

Litigation

Product Liability and Mass Torts

Toxic and Hazardous Materials -
Domestic and International
Requirements

Toxic Substances and Other Torts

INDUSTRIES

Agriculture and Food