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**PRACTICE EMPHASIS**

- Class Actions
- Consumer Protection
- Employee Benefits and Retirement Security
- Financial Products and Services
- Governments & Municipalities
- Institutional Investors
- Securities

David is a partner in the firm's nationally recognized Complex Litigation Group, where he represents plaintiffs in federal and state courts across the country in a wide variety of cases involving corporate wrongdoing. He has helped his clients—including government entities, retirement plans, individuals, and institutional investors—obtain several multimillion dollar recoveries against some of the largest corporations in the country.

David has significant experience in all phases of litigation, including trial, at both federal and state court. He was a lead trial attorney in a 14-week bench trial in the Northern District of Illinois involving breach of fiduciary duty claims on behalf of an employee stock ownership plan that resulted in a settlement after judgment and prior to resolution of an appeal. He was also part of the trial team representing three Federal Home Loan Banks that successfully objected to a proposed \$8.5 billion settlement submitted by the Bank of America in New York Supreme Court arising out of its purchase of mortgage-backed securities from Countrywide.

David also represented thousands of Super Bowl ticket holders against various ticket brokers engaged in short-selling, including filing the first class action arising out of this widespread and deceptive practice.

Most recently, David has been appointed as a special deputy prosecuting attorney by numerous government entities as outside counsel in litigation against manufacturers, distributors, and dispensers of prescription opioids. David is one of the lead attorneys handling the firm's opioid cases, and represents counties, cities, and Native American Tribes in Washington, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, and New York in the national opioid litigation pending in the Northern District of Ohio.

Prior to joining the firm, David clerked for the Honorable Ricardo S. Martinez, Chief U.S. District Judge in the Western District of Washington. David is also past President of the Korean American Bar Association of Washington, and a Fellow of the Washington Leadership Institute.

**EDUCATION**

**University of Washington**

B.A., 2002, History and Political Science

**Seattle University School of Law**

J.D., *cum laude*, 2006; National Order of Barristers

**University of Washington School of Law**

LL.M., 2007 Taxation

**BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS**

- 2006, Washington
- 2010, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington
- 2010, U.S. District Court for North Dakota
- 2011, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- 2016, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- 2018, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- 2018, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington
- 2019, U.S. District Court for Colorado

**PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT**

- Washington State Bar Association, *Member*
- King County Bar Association, *Member*
- Korean American Bar Association, *Board Member*
- Asian American Bar Association, *Member*
- National Center for Employee Ownership, *Member*

**PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

- Speaker, Human Right to Health: Pathways and Responses, Opioid Abuse and Litigation: Legal and Policy Responses (Seattle, WA, November 2019)
- Speaker, Washington State Society of Healthcare Attorneys Annual Conference, *Opioid Litigation on Behalf of Local Governments* (Seattle, WA, April 2018)
- Speaker, Mass Torts Made Perfect, *National Costs of Opioid Crisis* (Las Vegas, NV, April 2018)
- Speaker, National Center for Employee Ownership Annual Conference, *Fundamentals of the Repurchase Obligation* (Denver, CO, March 2017)
- Speaker, National Business Institute, *Legal Ethics: Top Attorney-Client Mistakes* (Seattle, WA, December 2016)
- Speaker, National Business Institute, *Title Law: Ethics* (Seattle, WA, April 2016)

**HONORS & AWARDS**

- Selected to Rising Stars list in *Super Lawyers – Washington*, 2019