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PRACTICE EMPHASIS

- Class Actions
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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, institutional investors, and consumers—obtain multimillion-dollar recoveries against some of the largest corporations in the country.

Most recently, David has been at the center of the firm's largest and most high-profile cases. He 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 for their role in creating and fueling the opioid crisis. 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 Multi-District Litigation. He serves on various committees in the Opioid MDL, including on the expert committee where he is one of the primary attorneys handling the causation, damage, and abatement experts.

David is also one of the lead attorneys in the MDL *In re: Facebook, Inc. Consumer Privacy User Profile Litigation*, arising out of the Cambridge Analytica scandal and Facebook's disclosure of user information to third parties without their consent. He also serves on the expert committee in the MDL, *In re: JUUL Labs, Inc. Mktg., Sales Practices, & Prods. Liab. Litig.*, alleging that JUUL is responsible for creating the youth vaping epidemic.

David also has trial experience 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 under ERISA. David was also part of the trial team representing three Federal Home Loan Banks that successfully objected to a proposed \$8.5 billion settlement arising out of Bank of America's purchase of Countrywide in a three-month trial in New York Supreme Court.

David also recently 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.

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*, 2019-2020