



# Nathan Dooley

## Member

## Los Angeles

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Nathan serves as counsel on high profile complex commercial litigation matters filed in California. He represents some of the firm's most prominent clients.

His successes include a string of victories in consumer class action cases brought in state and federal court. He successfully defended class action claims brought against shippers, retailers, and cosmetic manufacturers. He also represented a group of corporate plaintiffs in a successful class action against a Chinese manufacturer of faulty dehumidifiers that caused hundreds of house fires across the country. He advises food manufacturers on matters related to contamination, labeling, trademarks, and intellectual property. He recently procured a large settlement on the behalf of a food manufacturer that suffered contamination of its product by a third party.

Nathan has extensive trial and appellate experience in the intellectual property arena, where he has successfully prosecuted actions against salespeople and executives who wrongfully absconded with trade secrets to start their own firms. He successfully defended engineers and entrepreneurs accused of misappropriating trade secrets and copyright infringement after leaving large corporations to launch their own successful products. He has defeated claims of alleged trademark infringement, copyright infringement, and has substantial experience with high-profile patent litigation.

Fluent in Korean, Nathan has led investigations into large claims in South Korea and served as trial counsel in an international arbitration against a large Korean corporation in the International Chamber of Commerce. Nathan's trial victories extend to a Grammy-Award winning music producer, and he has quashed attempts to extort public figures with libelous accusations, discretely handling such matters without any publicity.

He earned his law degree from the University of California Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall). After law school, he clerked for the Honorable Carolyn B. Kuhl of Los Angeles Superior Court, the Honorable S. James Otero of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, and the Honorable Arthur Alarcon of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. He earned a master's degree from Queen's University in Canada and a bachelor's degree from the University of Saskatchewan.

## Experience

Secured a favorable settlement in a long-running matter that began as the defense of a wrongful death suit and concluded with recovery on a subrogation claim. We first won summary judgment on the wrongful death claim against our client and simultaneously won summary adjudication on the question of liability on the cross-complaint that we filed against a commercial tenant responsible for related property damage. We then obtained an assignment of a bad faith claim from the tenant to pursue its carrier and filed a bad faith claim against the carrier, which settled.

Obtained a six-figure settlement on behalf of an insurance industry client in a FINRA arbitration related to an alleged Ponzi scheme.

Filed suit against a technology start-up company, recovering funds for a dissatisfied investor in a convertible bond issued by the start-up.

## Practice Areas

- Class Actions
- Commercial Litigation
- Copyright & Content
- Intellectual Property

## Industry Sectors

- Gaming

## Education

- University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall), J.D., 2002
- Queen's University, M.A., 1995
- University of Saskatchewan, B.A., 1993

## Bar Admissions

- California
- Ontario
- British Columbia

## Court Admissions

- California Superior Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court -- Central District of California
- U.S. District Court -- Northern District of California
- Ontario Superior Court of Justice

## Clerkships

Honorable Arthur L. Alarcon, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; Honorable S. James Otero, U.S. District Court -- Central District of California; Honorable Carolyn B. Kuhl, Los Angeles Superior Court

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Obtained a favorable settlement on behalf of Plaintiff insurance carriers in a consumer class action filed against a foreign manufacturer of defective home products that caused a series of home fires nationwide.

Obtained partial dismissal, and transfer of venue, of a consumer class action brought against a high-end cosmetic and skin cream manufacturer. The remainder of the action settled on terms favorable to our client.

Obtained dismissal of a series of class actions brought under the Consumers Legal Remedies Act (CLRA), and section 17200 of the California Business & Professions Code, against terminal operators and carriers at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

Obtained dismissal of an action brought against terminal operators related to demurrage charges imposed during work slowdowns at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

Successfully defended a public figure who was the target of an extortion attempt based on false accusations.

Advised a public figure on various branding and trademark issues in connection with a new consumer product line.

Obtained a \$4.2 million binding arbitration award from an International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Court of Arbitration in London, England, on behalf of an insurance company client in a dispute arising from water damage and construction defects at a military installation in South Korea.

Advised foreign companies and investors on establishing, or investing in businesses based in California.

Won a series of cases brought against the founders of a gaming industry startup by their former employer, successfully defending them against allegations of alleged misappropriation of trade secrets, breach of contract, and intentional interference with contractual relations.

Won favorable settlement from multinational corporation threatening lawsuit against small Canadian food manufacturer in a trademark action.

Won favorable settlement in trademark action brought by high-end apparel manufacturer brought against one of its former distributors.

Won case brought by retail fashion apparel manufacturer against third party distributor for alleged breach of contract. Representing the distributor as a defendant, the case settled for an amount greater than the fees incurred in handling the dispute on the eve of trial.

Represented Grammy-award winning Ivory Productions in litigation in Los Angeles Superior Court. After a protracted trial, we successfully defended our client in a significant breach of contract and declaratory judgment action, and prevailed on a claim for over \$400,000 in counsel fees.

Tried and won cases before arbitration panels, including a dispute over a scuttled real estate development deal.

Discretely resolved several matters in Los Angeles for high-profile clients without any public press or attention.

Won case for prominent online publication after the publication determined that it was being fed problematic polling data.

Successfully defended large nationwide religious organization in a suit brought by one of its former

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officers for fraud and breach of contract.

Won a series of cases for corporate clients on claims brought by plaintiffs for wrongful death or injury.

Successfully defended start-up companies against claims by established competitors for the alleged misappropriation of trade secrets, copyright infringement and interference with contract.

Obtained favorable settlement for clients in a series of securities class-action cases.

Prevailed by demurrer on a string of cases representing real estate agents and developers in cases related to the sale or lease of real estate.

Substituting into a case on the eve of trial, won motion to exclude testimony from Plaintiff's damages expert, reducing exposure by more than twenty million dollars and leading to prompt settlement.

Won complete defense victory in the early stages of litigation for large corporation named as defendant in toxic tort case.

Managed litigation, retained local counsel, experts, and conducted investigation in Seoul Korea on a case related to the destruction of a distribution center near Seoul.

Won a complete defense victory for software developers who were sued in California and Florida by their former employer for alleged copyright infringement and misappropriation of trade secrets after they launched their own successful start-up.

Won a lawsuit for a popular recording artist brought by a concert promoter for breach of contract.

Represented Full Tilt Poker, winning a stay and dismissal of a series of related cases, including allegations of defamation, breach of contract, alleged violation of RICO and antitrust laws.

Provided pro bono representation to non-English speaking members of the Korean American community and also to clients of the Christian Legal Aid Clinic.