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Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Products Liability Law



Damion Young is a member of the Products Liability Practice Group in the Firm's Orange County office. Mr. Young's practice focuses on defending companies in catastrophic injury and wrongful death cases. He has extensive experience litigating high-exposure cases involving alleged defective products, asbestos and toxic substances, motor vehicle collisions, large-scale wildland fires, construction defects, e-commerce, and consumer class actions.

As part of his products liability practice, Mr. Young takes an active interest in defending technology and software companies against a variety of legal claims arising out of the use of internet-connected consumer "smart" (IOT) products and applications. Internet-capable devices present a unique set of challenges due to the multitude of legal theories that can be asserted against the designers, manufacturers, and sellers of those products. Such challenges include lawsuits arising out of direct and indirect personal injuries, privacy intrusions, and lack of cyber-security.

Prior to becoming an attorney, Mr. Young served as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Specialist in the United States Army, where he was responsible for executing vital missions in support of various federal and state law enforcement agencies, including U.S. Secret Service Presidential Protection (TSD). He credits his military training for his attention to detail, strong technical background, and ability to stay calm under pressure.

Representative Matters

- Successfully representing a multinational publically traded technology and software company in high-exposure personal injury litigation.
- Representing a number of major auto manufacturers in vehicle defect claims, including those arising out of the design and manufacture of glazing, vehicle electronics, occupant protection devices, and seat backs.
- Preparing a successful demurrer and motion to strike on behalf of a well-known publically traded contractor faced with product liability claims arising out of the construction of an upscale hotel, which was granted without leave to amend.
- Defending one of the largest nationwide homebuilders in large-scale wildland fire litigation, resulting in a massive reduction in liability exposure.
- Successfully representing an American Fortune 100 heavy equipment corporation in toxic tort asbestos litigation.

Publications

- Buchalter Client Alert COVID-19: California Local Court Orders Regarding Closure, March 31, 2020

Education

Mr. Young received his J.D. from Chapman University Dale E. Fowler School of Law *cum laude*. While in law school, Mr. Young served as an editor for the *Chapman Law Review*, Chair of the Honor Council, Ambassador, and the Dean's Fellow for both Legal Research and Writing (LRW) and Contracts Drafting (PFT). Mr. Young is an eleven-time CALI excellence award winner. He received his B.S. in Criminal Justice with distinction from San Diego State University.

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- United States District Court for the Central District of California