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Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Litigation; Trade Secrets & Employee Mobility; Appellate Law; Class Actions; Cannabis & Hemp Industry Law Group



Daniel (Danny) Lis is a Senior Counsel in Buchalter's Portland office and a member of the Firm's Litigation Practice Group. Mr. Lis concentrates his practice on complex commercial litigation and dispute resolution. He has represented businesses throughout the country in a broad array of commercial disputes and has successfully handled numerous appeals. His experience also includes drafting and negotiating contracts and counseling commercial clients on regulatory compliance, government investigations, legal obligations, and litigation risk mitigation.

Examples of clients that Mr. Lis has represented include pharmaceutical and dietary supplement companies, food manufacturers, cannabis and CBD companies, e-commerce businesses, developers of LiDAR technology, and medical technology, billing, software, and equipment manufacturing and supply companies. Mr. Lis has extensive experience litigating claims for alleged violations of state consumer protection statutes, trade secret misappropriation, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract, violations of the civil RICO Act, fraud, tortious interference, and legal malpractice. He has litigated cases in Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Illinois, Michigan, Rhode Island, and New Jersey.

In 2017 and 2018, Mr. Lis was named to the Oregon Rising Star list by *Super Lawyers*. He was named to *Best Lawyer's* "Ones to Watch" list in 2023 & 2024 for Appellate Practice.

Representative Matters

- Represented casinos as plaintiffs against horse racing tracks in case involving civil RICO, civil conspiracy, and unjust enrichment claims related to defendants' conspiracy to bribe former Illinois Governor. Obtained jury verdict for \$25.9 million in actual damages (trebled to \$77.8 million) and \$4 million in punitive damages.
- Defended national pharmacy chain against class action lawsuit alleging violations of various consumer protection laws related to representations on label of store-branded vitamin supplements. Obtained dismissal of all counts with prejudice.
- Represented investors in case involving civil RICO, breach of contract, and breach of fiduciary duty claims related to investment advisor wrongfully taking proceeds from oil and gas field and real estate investments. Defended related breach of contract counterclaim. Case settled favorably shortly before scheduled trial, after favorable ruling on defendant's motion for summary judgment.
- Represented medical technology company in case involving breach of contract claims and declaratory judgment action against software developers who refused to recognize the client's rights to technology acquired under an Asset Purchase Agreement. Obtained favorable settlement after victory on summary judgment.
- Defended banking-technology evaluation company against breach of contract, trade secret

misappropriation, unfair business practices, fraud, and declaratory judgment claims arising out of dispute over separation of business partnership. Case settled favorably after victory on demurrer.

- Represented national medical-equipment supply and billing company in case involving tortious interference with employment contracts, breach of fiduciary duty, and trade secret misappropriation claims related to allegations that client's former manager used the company's employees and resources to start competing business. Defended against manager's counterclaim for defamation. Obtained favorable settlement after close of fact discovery.
- Prevailed as lead appellate counsel in Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals defending village against Section 1983 and negligent hiring claims related to allegations of improper police investigation. Court affirmed dismissal of complaint with prejudice.
- Counseled education-consulting companies through inspector general investigation related to allegations of bribery in obtaining government contracts. Advised on potential liability and duties in responding to information requests.

Education

Mr. Lis earned his J.D. from The John Marshall Law School, *cum laude* in 2009 where he served as a Production Editor on the Editorial Board for *The John Marshall Law Review*. He earned his B.S. in Commerce from DePaul University *with honors* in 2006.

Bar Admissions

- Oregon
- Washington
- Illinois

Court Admissions

- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of Oregon
- United States District Court for the Western District of Washington
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois