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Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Litigation; Products Liability Law



John D. Stanley is a member of the Litigation Practice Group in the Firm's Orange County office. As part of the Products Liability team, he defends some of the nation's foremost companies in high stakes litigation in state and federal courts.

In addition to his extensive experience defending multi-million dollar catastrophic injury and wrongful death claims, Mr. Stanley has a wide range of legal expertise in complex business litigation. He has represented clients from diverse industries including technology, transportation, fashion, food service, and many others. He understands that litigation should be approached in light of a company's overall business objectives, and that each client's goals are unique depending on a variety of factors that must be taken into account.

Mr. Stanley's legal training includes externships with state and federal judges as well as an internship with the U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust Division in Washington, D.C. He proudly served as an infantryman in the United States Marine Corps, during which he deployed to Iraq and throughout Asia and the Pacific. He has also volunteered on multiple medical and construction projects in Central and South America.

Representative Matters

- Achieved highly contested early dismissal of the LA Kings Hockey Club in a catastrophic personal injury matter, avoiding exposure in a case with far reaching vicarious liability implications.
- Prevailed at summary judgment against an employee plaintiff on behalf of a prominent non-profit animal rescue organization in an action seeking substantial compensatory and punitive damages.
- Obtained monetary and terminating sanctions in favor of a commercial trucking company in a high stakes wrongful death matter.
- Mitigated client risk by negotiating numerous favorable settlements at private and court-sponsored mediations.

Publications

- Note, Disorganized Labor: Is Knox v. SEUI the Nail in the Coffin for Public Sector Unions?, *33 NAT'L ASS'N ADMIN. L. JUDICIARY* 857, 2013
- Is Your Company Using "Trojan Horse" Evidence in Trade Secret Theft Cases?, *FFS Insights*, February 19, 2019

Education

Mr. Stanley earned his J.D. from Pepperdine University School of Law and holds a Certificate for Dispute Resolution from Pepperdine's Strauss Institute. He earned his B.A. *magna cum laude* from University of San Diego.

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California