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Nate Newman is a trial attorney who handles complex tort and business disputes in federal and state courts.

While he focuses his practice on product liability and mass tort defense, he has also litigated consumer class actions and commercial cases. He is part of National Counsel and local trial counsel teams for clients in a variety of industry sectors, including aviation, HVAC, vertical transportation, industrial steam system components, raw minerals, and telecommunications. Nate handles all aspects of the litigation process, from initial case evaluation through discovery to trial and appeal. He recognizes that, in most cases, clients want the quickest and most cost-effective resolution available, and works closely with them to aggressively identify and implement a workable strategy to achieve these objectives. He has a track record of stepping in to existing litigation for clients and promptly reducing the number of pending cases as well as deterring new filings.

Nate grew up in suburban Detroit, Michigan, and is a dedicated fan of the Tigers, Red Wings, Pistons, and Lions. In undergrad, he coached 7th and 8th grade boys' basketball at a small Ann Arbor middle school. He moved to California to attend law school, where he spent a semester as an extern for Judge Alex Kozinski. Outside the office, Nate and his wife spend most of their time chasing their two children around the parks of Chicago.

Education

- Pepperdine University School of Law (J.D., cum laude, 2003); Law Review
- University of Michigan (B.A., 2000)

State Admissions

- Illinois, 2016
- California, 2003

Federal Admissions

- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court, Central District of California
- United States District Court, Eastern District of California
- United States District Court, Northern District of California
- United States District Court, Southern District of California
- United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Service Areas

- Mass Tort & Product Liability
- Business Litigation
- Class Action Litigation

Industries Represented

- Consumer Products
- Machinery Manufacturing

Experience

- Obtained and successfully defended on appeal a dismissal of a putative state-wide class action against a major telecommunications corporation
- Obtained a voluntary dismissal for a manufacturer of an anti-wrinkle/anti-aging cream in a putative state-wide class action; plaintiffs dismissed rather than oppose the Motion to Dismiss
- Second-chaired a three day jury trial in Los Angeles County for an auto accident case; jury verdict was less than half of plaintiff's final pre-trial settlement demand

Publications & Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “Antitrust: The Art of War,” 2015 In-House Counsel Summit, Tucker Ellis LLP, Cleveland, Ohio (October 2015)

PUBLICATIONS

- “Interlocking Directorates – Not Just a Section 8 Issue,” *Law360* (October 2017)
- “‘Are We There Yet?’ Will Personal Jurisdiction End Litigation Tourism?,” DRI’s *The Voice* (June 2017)
- *Fifty-State Survey: Toxic Exposure Claims*, American Bar Association, Co-author (2016)
- “Subscription Services Beware! Failure to Follow Automatic Renewal Laws May Convert Your Sales into Unconditional Gifts to Your Customers!,” Tucker Ellis Client Alert (February 2015)
- “*Howell v. Hamilton Meats & Provisions, Inc.*: Past Medical Expenses are Limited to Those Actually Paid or Incurred,” Tucker Ellis Client Alert (August 2011)

Honors

- Southern California Super Lawyers Rising Stars® (2009-2011, 2015-2018)