



Nathan Townsend

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OVERVIEW

Nathan Townsend is an associate who focuses on complex commercial disputes, class-action defense, insurance recovery, internal investigations involving various government entities, and closely held business disputes. Nathan has diverse litigation experience, ranging from drafting a variety of motions, participating in evidentiary hearings, and conducting fact investigations, e-Discovery, and settlement. He has taken and defended multiple fact and expert witness depositions and examined witnesses during evidentiary hearings.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Nathan served as a law clerk for Judge David Porter on the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals and as a law clerk for Judge Nora Barry Fischer on the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. In addition, Nathan previously worked as an associate at K&L Gates where he drafted briefs regarding complex commercial disputes and consumer class actions, researched and helped draft reports for company internal investigations, and represented a victim of domestic violence before a state court on a pro bono basis.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Certified Public Accountant (Pennsylvania)

EDUCATION

- J.D., Vanderbilt Law School, 2019
- B.S., Grove City College, 2013

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Pennsylvania
- Certified Public Accountant

- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “3M PFAS Case on Medical Monitoring Is a Stretch on Standing,” *Bloomberg Law*, 16 October 2023
- “Third Circuit Clarifies the Standard for Joinder Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 19,” *On Appeal*, a publication of the Bar Association of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, November 2023
- “Dormant Commerce Clause Whittled Further After Pork Producer Case,” *Bloomberg Law*, 15 May 2023
- “Third Circuit rejects right to public trial claim on plain error review, but offers guidance as to which proceedings must be public,” *On Appeal*, a publication of the Bar Association of the Third Federal Circuit, April 2023
- “Supreme Court’s Conservatives May Empower California,” *Daily Journal*, 28 September 2022
- “Winding Back ‘Wayfair’: Retaining the Physical Presence Rule for State Income Taxation,” *Vanderbilt Law Review* (2019).

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Commercial Disputes

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represent major chemical company in defense of putative class action regarding ethylene oxide emissions seeking medical monitoring for multiple census tracts pending in federal court.
- Represent public company seeking to recover insurance proceeds after suffering loss from employee theft.
- Represent public company in pursuit of insurance coverage for putative class action involving PFAS allegations.
- Represent individual in dispute with former business partner.
- Represent religious non-profit against a local government regarding the local government’s zoning laws.