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OVERVIEW

Bruce Allensworth is a partner resident in K&L Gates' Boston, Massachusetts office, and is a member of the firm's Class Action Litigation Defense group. His practice focuses on complex civil litigation, primarily class action litigation. He has served as lead counsel in litigation matters pending in federal and state courts in 31 of the 50 states and in Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands, including as lead counsel in more than 200 class actions. He started K&L Gates' Consumer Financial Services Class Action Litigation practice in the firm's Boston office.

Bruce's practice focuses substantially on the defense of federal and state class action litigation. He defends actions brought against banking, mortgage lending and consumer financial services institutions and other business entities. These class actions, brought throughout the country, have concerned challenges under federal statutes including the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, the Truth in Lending Act (including the Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act and the Consumer Leasing Act), the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Fair Housing Act and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act; the federal securities laws, state statutes (including state unfair and deceptive acts and practices statutes, state motor vehicle sales finance acts and state statutory analogs to various federal consumer protection statutes) and common law claims.

Bruce defends data breach class action litigation. Bruce represents financial institutions in government enforcement actions.

Bruce defends mobile wireless companies in class action and government enforcement litigation in various federal and state courts around the country. These actions concern disputes arising under the federal Communications Act, including the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, and state unfair and deceptive acts and practices statutes, including actions involving state tax billing disputes, contract disputes and alleged violations of the number porting requirements of the Federal Communications Commission.

Bruce has litigated a wide variety of federal and state securities law matters, complex commercial disputes and corporate insurance coverage matters. He has tried jury and jury-waived cases in state and federal trial courts and has appeared and argued in various state and federal appellate courts. Bruce has tried matters in arbitration and represented clients in alternative dispute resolution forums. He has represented clients before federal and state securities agencies and the NASD.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Before entering private practice, Bruce served as law clerk to the Honorable Walter J. Skinner on the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association (Litigation Section, Class Actions Committee; Business Law Section, Consumer Financial Services Committee)
- Mortgage Bankers Association
- Former Town Meeting Member, Wellesley, MA
- Various pro bono representations

EDUCATION

- J.D., Yale Law School, 1978
- B.A., The University of Texas, 1969 (*Mathematics*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Massachusetts
- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts

- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Financial Institutions and Services Litigation
- Class Action Litigation Defense
- Complex Commercial Litigation and Disputes
- Insurance Recovery and Counseling
- International Arbitration
- Payments, Banking Regulation, and Consumer Financial Services