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OVERVIEW

Michael Creta is a partner at the firm, concentrating his practice on complex commercial disputes, consumer class action defense, disputes arising from employment relationships, trade secret litigation, and international arbitration. Mike works closely with clients to develop dispute resolution strategies to address their unique legal risks and needs. He has litigated matters in both state and federal courts across the country, as well as in domestic and international arbitrations.

Mike has significant experience with defending consumer class actions against global retailers, financial services institutions, and other large companies. These actions frequently involve claims alleging unfair business practices, false advertising, consumer fraud, breach of warranty, breach of contract, and violations of various state and federal statutes. Mike's class action defense experience includes representing a global online retailer in numerous putative class actions involving allegations of false and misleading product labeling.

Mike also has extensive experience with matters involving alleged trade secret misappropriation and violations of restrictive covenants. Through these matters, Mike has helped clients successfully obtain injunctive relief to protect their sensitive business information. Mike's trade secret litigation experience includes the representation of a medical diagnostic products manufacturer in an international arbitration, which resulted in an award in the manufacturer's favor. Outside of litigation, Mike has advised clients on best practices for protecting their proprietary information.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Michael was a judicial intern to United States District Judge William E. Smith of the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island in 2013. He was also a Summer Associate at K&L Gates in 2014.

EDUCATION

- J.D., Boston College Law School, 2015 (*cum laude*)
- B.S., Northeastern University, 2012 (*summa cum laude*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Massachusetts
- Bar of Rhode Island
- United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts
- United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 15 June 2022, U.S. Supreme Court Narrows Scope of 28 U.S.C. § 1782 to Proceedings Before "Governmental or Intergovernmental Adjudicative Bodies"
- 26 May 2022, Arbitration World: U.S. Cases and International Arbitration — International Arbitration Clauses in Insurance Policies: Are They Valid in States With Anti-Arbitration Insurance Statutes?
- 2 May 2022, The De Minimis Standard Sleeps with the (Tuna) Fish: The En Banc Ninth Circuit Rejects a Per Se Prohibition on the Certification of Classes with Uninjured Class Members
- 24 March 2022, U.S. Supreme Court Hears Oral Argument on Circuit Split Over Scope of 28 U.S.C. § 1782 for Obtaining Discovery in International Arbitrations
- 11 March 2022, U.S. Supreme Court to Review Circuit Split Over Scope of 28 U.S.C. § 1782 for Obtaining Discovery in International Arbitrations
- 7 February 2022, Litigation Minute: International Arbitration Clauses in Insurance Policies: Are They Valid in States With Anti-Arbitration Insurance Statutes?
- 16 November 2020, Litigation Minute: Practical Advice for Protecting Trade Secrets
- 6 May 2020, COVID-19: Congress, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and South Carolina Join Other Jurisdictions Proposing Legislation Addressing Insurers' Obligations to Pay for Pandemic-Related Losses
- 4 May 2020, COVID-19: Class Actions in Session
- 14 April 2020, COVID-19: Defending Class Actions in Massachusetts in the Wake of COVID-19
- 6 April 2020, COVID-19: Growing Number of U.S. States Propose Legislation Requiring Insurers to Pay for COVID-19-Related Losses Incurred by Small Companies
- 25 March 2020, COVID-19: Insurance Policy Considerations for Higher Education Institutions
- 9 March 2020, Misappropriators Beware: *Motorola* Court Embraces Extraterritorial Application of the Defend Trade Secrets Act
- 21 January 2020, 2019 Non-Compete Statutes Are Officially In Effect: Are Employers Ready?

- 9 April 2018, District Court Finds No Violation of First Amendment in TCPA Suit Brought By Coalition of Bi-Partisan Political Organizations
- 12 October 2017, The Supreme Court Hears Argument to Decide Whether Class-Action Waivers in Employment Arbitration Agreements Are Enforceable
- 26 September 2017, Emerging Trends in Defend Trade Secrets Act Litigation
- 28 July 2017, District Court Set to Rule on Cross Motions for Summary Judgment in First Amendment Challenge to TCPA
- 27 July 2017, District Court Set to Rule on Cross Motions for Summary Judgment in First Amendment Challenge to TCPA
- 27 March 2017, Federal Government Not Successful in Moving to Dismiss First Amendment Challenge to TCPA
- 24 March 2017, Federal Government Not Successful in Moving to Dismiss First Amendment Challenge to TCPA
- 27 January 2017, Arbitration Is Back on the Docket: The Supreme Court to Review the Enforceability of Class Action Waivers in Employment Arbitration Agreements
- 23 November 2016, Trump's Campaign to go it Alone on First Amendment Challenge to the TCPA
- 23 November 2016, Trump's Campaign to go it Alone on the First Amendment Challenge to the TCPA
- 7 November 2016, As Campaign Draws to a Close, Trump's First Amendment Challenge to the TCPA Continues On
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OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Note, The Accommodation of Last Resort: The Americans with Disabilities Act and Reassignments, *55 B.C.L. Rev.* 1693 (2014)
- Case Comment, A Step in the Wrong Direction: The Ninth Circuit Requires Reasonable Suspicion for Forensic Examinations of Electronic Storage Devices During Border Searches in *United States v. Cotterman*, *55 B.C.L. Rev. E.Supp.* 31 (2014)

NEWS & EVENTS

- 2 January 2024, K&L Gates Names Nearly 30 Partners, Government Affairs Advisors Across Firm
- August 2020, K&L Gates Lawyers Provide Insights on Impact of COVID-19 Across Various Industries

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Commercial Disputes
- Class Action Litigation Defense
- Employment Disputes and Investigations
- International Arbitration
- IP Litigation