



## Damon M. Pitt

### Associate

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## OVERVIEW

Damon Pitt's practice covers a broad range of general litigation matters including class actions. While his primary focus is complex commercial litigation, he has extensive experience in products liability defense. Damon's practice also focuses on health care litigation (payor-payee disputes), real estate disputes, ADA cases, and Prop. 65 matters. In addition to litigation, Damon provides labeling guidance to a diverse collection of global product-makers from established Fortune 500 companies to local start-ups.

Damon has extensive experience representing companies in commercial disputes including deal litigation, contract disputes, and collection matters. He represents manufacturers and distributors of products of all kinds, ranging from pet food to medical devices to electric vehicle charging equipment. Damon has also defended pharmaceutical cases, employment matters, and ADA compliance cases (including California cases under the Unruh Civil Rights Act), while regularly defending companies against Prop. 65 claims.

Prior to joining K&L Gates, Damon managed civil litigation matters in multiple disciplines including construction defect litigation, premises liability, professional liability, and habitability claims. In addition, Damon has an extensive background in personal injury defense, where he has successfully obtained summary judgment and dismissals in high-exposure matters.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining K&L Gates, Damon was a senior associate in the Los Angeles and Orange County offices of a national litigation firm, where he represented property owners, construction companies, defense contractors, businesses, waste management companies, and developers in all aspects of litigation. In addition, Damon previously served as a Certified Law Clerk for the San Diego City Attorney's Office and Orange County District Attorney's Office, where he conducted multiple hearings and tried misdemeanor criminal cases to verdict.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Southern California Super Lawyer (Rising Star) in 2019, 2020, and 2021

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association
- Orange County Bar Association
- Cyber Civil Rights Legal Project
- California Innocence Project
- Professional Development Mentor, Chapman University School of Law

## EDUCATION

- J.D., Chapman University Fowler School of Law, 2013 (*Chapman Law Review*)
- B.A., University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), 2010 (*Dean's List: magna cum laude*)

## ADMISSIONS

- Bar of California
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Central District of California
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 23 November 2022 , New California Bill Expands Guidance to Businesses to Mitigate Accessibility Claims for Websites, Parking Lots, and Other Exterior Paths of Travel
- 9 September, California Court Curbs Website Accessibility Claims Against Online-Only Businesses
- 12 April 2022, Litigation Minute: Companies Selling Products in California Must Justify Environmental Marketing Claims
- 28 October 2021, SB 343: Is Recycling Liability On The Way?

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Comment, "No Payne, No Gain?: *Revisiting Victim Impact Statements After Twenty Years in Effect*," 16 CHAP. L. REV. 475 (Spring 2013)
- Case Digest, *Cassel v. Superior Court*, 15 CHAP. L. REV. 657 (Winter 2012)

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Product Liability
- Commercial Disputes
- Health Care Payor-Provider Disputes (U.S.)

## INDUSTRIES

- Consumer Products
- Food and Beverage