

Jason N. Haycock

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OVERVIEW

Jason Haycock is a seasoned litigator with extensive experience at every phase of litigation, including successful first chair trial experience. He focuses on complex commercial disputes, including cases involving trade secrets, contracts, business torts, corporate veil-piercing and successorship claims, and environmental contamination. He regularly litigates in both federal and state courts, and he has briefed and successfully argued numerous cases at the appellate level.

Jason's clients range from top Fortune 50 companies, to startups, to public universities, and nonprofit organizations. His clients are often industry leaders in technology, such as software, SaaS, Artificial Intelligence, semiconductors, consumer products, cloud computing, infrastructure, and clean energy.

No matter the client, each case and each client's litigation objectives are unique, so Jason crafts litigation strategies designed to achieve each client's goals for each case. Sometimes that involves positioning the case for early resolution, and sometimes it involves taking the case all the way to trial. In all instances, Jason best serves his clients by providing direct, honest, and actionable legal advice to meet their objectives.

While serving as a zealous advocate for his clients inside the courtroom, Jason also serves as a trusted advisor outside of the courtroom. Not every challenge confronting clients involves litigation, and oftentimes Jason is called on simply to assist with creative problem-solving or to provide strategic insight based on his extensive experience.

Jason has also been recognized as a *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*, a peer nominated recognition for exceptional legal work.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

During law school, Jason served as a judicial extern for Judge Paul L. Friedman of the US District Court for the District of Columbia. He also served as a student lawyer handling general civil matters in the US Superior Court for the District of Columbia through his school's general practice clinic. In the summer of his second year of law school, he served as a law clerk at a boutique litigation firm in Washington, DC.

EDUCATION

- J.D., American University Washington College of Law, 2011 *(magna cum laude, Order of the Coif, Articles Editor, American University Law Review)*
- A.B., University of California, Davis, 2008 *(magna cum laude, department citation for academic distinction)*

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

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Pleading a Loss Cause: Resolving the Pleading Standard for the Element of Loss Causation in a Private Securities Fraud Claim and a Plaintiff's Heavy Burden Pleading it Under Iqbal," *60 AM. U. L. REV. 173* 2010

NEWS & EVENTS

- 8 November 2024, K&L Gates Leads Hanson Building Materials Limited to Trial Victory
- 1 March 2022, K&L Gates Names Nearly 40 New Partners, Of Counsel, and Government Affairs Advisors Across Firm

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Commercial Disputes
- IP Litigation

INDUSTRIES

- Technology

EMERGING ISSUES

- Artificial Intelligence (AI)

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Trial counsel for parent corporation alleged to be vicariously liable for more than US$100 million in environmental cleanup costs attributable to former subsidiary. Judgment in favor of client after trial.
- Lead counsel for public university in successfully securing early dismissal for lack of personal jurisdiction after achieving reversal on appeal of order denying motion to quash.
- Lead counsel for leading e-commerce company and its clean energy subsidiary in successful enforcement forum selection clause after adverse private equity firm attempted to file in home court forum, and successfully upheld enforcement on appeal.
- Lead counsel for international rail transport systems manufacturer in complex contractual dispute with supplier in connection with large project for local public transit authority. Ongoing.
- Lead counsel for international high-net-worth individual and privately held company and successfully secured early dismissal for lack of personal jurisdiction.
- Lead counsel for national clean energy equipment supplier in bringing breach of contract and alter ego claims against supplier and private equity company, and secured favorable result.
- Lead counsel for national radiopharmaceutical logistics company against negligence claims. Ongoing.
- Lead counsel for compensation software and data company against breach of contract claims by consulting company and secured favorable result.
- Lead counsel for workers compensation case management company against breach of contract claims and secured early dismissal.
- Representation of R&D and international chip design company against copyright infringement, breach of contract, and alter ego and vicarious liability claims, and secured favorable resolution.
- Representation of leading computer hardware manufacturer against claims of misappropriation of trade secrets and successfully secured summary judgment on all claims.
- Representation of large telecommunications company involving easement claims for right of access.
- Representation of private equity company and one of its fund companies against breach of contract and alter ego and vicarious liability claims, and secured favorable result.
- Representation of global aluminum manufacturer against CERCLA claims at various sites associated with environmental contamination.
- Lead appellate counsel for information and communications technology company in securing on appeal dismissal of misappropriation of trade secrets claims.