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OVERVIEW

Thomas Watson maintains a national practice that focuses on representing clients in high-stakes complex commercial, class action, pharmaceutical and medical device litigation in state and federal courts throughout the country.

He has been a member of several high-profile trial teams for cases receiving national attention and has extensive arbitration and mediation experience before various arbitration/mediation bodies (including the AAA and JAMS).

Thomas has been named a *Rising Star* by *Super Lawyers*.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Co-Lead counsel on several putative class actions alleging false or misleading advertising in violation of both state and federal consumer protection laws.
- Co-Lead counsel for three medical device manufacturers defending against claims for design, manufacturing, and warning defect brought by consumers throughout the United States.
- Counsel for a national credit union defending against fraud, identity theft, and credit reporting claims.
- Defended officers and directors of a television production company involving breach of fiduciary duty and misappropriation claims.
- Defended officers and directors of an apparel design company in litigation asserting breach of contract and fraud claims.
- Secured a preliminary injunction against a former manager accused of misappropriating trade secrets for an international delivery business.
- Secured a temporary restraining order against a former employee accused of misappropriating trade secrets for a global optical communication company;
- Obtained summary judgment of invalidity of a purported trademark asserted against a leading computer aided design company;
- Assisted in the recovery of billions in settlements from the world's largest banks for their alleged misrepresentations in connection with the offering of residential mortgage backed securities; and
- Participated in a large and very high profile patent and trademark trial involving smart phones.

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- California
- New York
- U.S. District Court, Central, Eastern, Northern, and Southern Districts of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

Community Involvement

- Little League T-Ball Manager

Education

- J.D., *cum laude*, University of San Francisco School of Law, 2003
- B.A., Double Major in Political Science with a Public Service Emphasis and Psychology, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2000

Honors

- *Best Lawyers in America*® distinction in Commercial Litigation (2023-2025)
- *Super Lawyers* Northern California *Rising Star* (2010-2013)