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Biography

David Skaar vigorously prepares cases as if they are going to trial, while working with clients toward the best possible business outcome. David maintains a diverse practice, but his work focuses primarily on products liability, with an emphasis on the food, chemical and life sciences industries. He also has robust experience in class actions, contract disputes, mortgage lending and servicing matters, and other commercial and personal injury suits.

David has handled numerous aspects of litigation, from the first pleadings through fact and expert discovery, pre-trial motion practice, and trial. He has deposed numerous fact and expert witnesses, successfully argued the full range of pre-trial motions in state and federal court, and has argued before the California Court of Appeal.

In addition to his products liability work, David's recent experience includes the arbitration of a contract dispute between two health care providers, the defense of two class actions against a leading health plan, two food labeling class actions brought by consumers against manufacturers and retailers, a taxpayer collective action challenging the tax status of the largest health plans in California, a premises liability matter, and the successful resolution of several employment disputes involving alleged wrongful



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Practices

Insurance

Litigation Services

Medical Device and Technology
Regulatory

Commercial Litigation

Products Law

Insurance Litigation

termination, harassment, and discrimination.

David's pro bono work focuses on representing unaccompanied minors in immigration proceedings, where his clients would otherwise have no access to legal counsel. He has successfully helped several children in obtaining legal status in the United States, through asylum and other forms of relief. David is heavily involved in the firm's Associates Committee, and he plays a vital role in the firm's recruiting efforts.

While attending Loyola Law School, David competed nationally on the school's trial advocacy team and served on the *International and Comparative Law Review*. David also clerked at the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office.

Latest thinking and events

- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells rings in the New Year with 30 promotions to partner and 47 promotions to counsel
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Digital Health: The issues you need to consider to leverage its full potential in 2018 *Life Sciences Team*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - New Addition to California's "Prop 65": Businesses Must Provide Clear Warnings if Products Contain Bisphenol A *Product Liability Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - International Product Liability Review - Issue 59 *Product Liability Alert, Hogan Lovells, June 2015*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - International Asbestos Newsletter - Issue n°. 3 *International Asbestos Newsletter*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - International Hazardous Substances Newsletter -

Industries

Consumer
Insurance
Life Sciences and Health Care
Technology and Telecoms

Areas of focus

Product Litigation
Product Compliance
Class Actions and Group Litigation
Retail and Consumer Goods
Food and Beverages
Medical Devices
Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology
Digital Health

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, 2009
B.S. Mechanical Engineering, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2002

Bar admissions and qualifications

California

Court admissions

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U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court, Central District of
California

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of
California

U.S. District Court, Northern District
of California

U.S. District Court, Southern District
of California
