

## Civil Litigation and Trial Practice

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The firm's attorneys routinely appear in state and federal trial and appellate courts nationwide. In addition, they provide national direction and coordination in class actions and other complex cases in which clients are required to simultaneously appear in numerous jurisdictions. In these cases, the firm has tremendous experience developing a comprehensive strategy, avoiding wasteful duplication of discovery efforts, taking cases to trial, and coordinating with other counsel in joint defense arrangements.

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