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Jonathan Kim is a senior associate with Alston & Bird's Litigation & Trial Practice Group. Jonathan concentrates his practice in commercial litigation and class action defense, including claims for unfair competition, false or deceptive trade practices, and breach of contract.

Jonathan represents corporate and individual clients in federal and state courts, as well as alternative dispute resolution forums in mediation and arbitration, in a variety of business disputes. Jonathan has experience spanning the course of litigation, including early case assessment and investigation, initial responses at the pleading stage, managing discovery, taking and defending depositions, appearing for court hearings and conferences, formulating comprehensive strategy, and executing tactical solutions resulting in favorable resolutions for clients.

Jonathan earned his J.D. from Duke University School of Law and his B.A., magna cum laude, at the University of California, Irvine. He previously served as a White House intern to President Barack Obama in Washington, D.C. during the President's second term.

Representative Experience

- Argued a motion for attorneys' fees on behalf of a national moving equipment and storage company in California state court, resulting in a favorable outcome for the client.
- Argued a writ of attachment on behalf of a former director of a California corporation in a breach of contract action, resulting in early-stage resolution between interested parties.
- Representing a large retailer of automotive aftermarket parts and accessories in a class action involving claims for breach of contract and deceptive trade practices.
- Defending a California health care organization in an action involving claims for unfair competition and breach of contract in a data breach class action.
- Representing an international beverage distributor in multiple actions across California involving claims for alleged personal injuries based on premises liability.
- Represented a major health care payer in a commercial dispute with a provider alleging breach of contract, fraud, and misrepresentation relating to its contractual obligations and medical reimbursement policies.
- Counseled a nationwide fast food restaurant franchise against pre-litigation claims for false advertising and misrepresentation regarding its well-known advertising slogan.
- Represented a California clean energy company in highly contested trade secret litigation regarding proprietary and competitive processes for lithium extraction from geothermal brine.

Publications & Presentations

Publications

- “New York’s Regulation 187 Imposed New Duties on Insurers,” *New York Law Journal*, December 2, 2019.
- “Complying with NY’s New Insurance Recommendation Rule,” *Law360*, August 5, 2019.
- “Courts Are More Rigorously Scrutinizing Class Settlements,” *Law360*, June 28, 2019.
- “NY Reg 187 Amendment May Not Be in Anyone’s Best Interest,” *Law360*, June 6, 2018.
- “Registering Trademarks: What We Know About Bona Fide Intent,” *Daily Journal*, June 16, 2017.
- “Separating the Facts from the Fancy,” *Daily Journal*, March 24, 2017.

Professional & Community Engagement

- Alston & Bird Diversity Committee
- Duke University Alumni Admissions Advisory Committee
- Korean American Bar Association of Southern California

Education

- Duke University (J.D., 2016)
- University of California, Irvine (B.A., 2012)

Languages

- Korean

Admitted to Practice

- California

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