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Partner

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Business litigator **Jason Y. Kelly** uses his experience in complex commercial disputes to help companies of all sizes resolve disruptive lawsuits and find pragmatic solutions aligned with their goals. His background in Big Law and success in courtrooms and dispute resolution forums across California influence the strategies he deploys to protect businesses and entrepreneurs in claims of fraud, privacy violations, anticompetitive behavior, and other allegations. Jason also represents municipalities in their complex litigation and civil rights disputes, with his government clients relying on his actionable strategies, shared sense of public duty, and strength in handling sensitive issues.

Representing both plaintiffs and defendants, Jason has a broad-based commercial litigation practice, which ranges from large class actions involving securities and antitrust allegations to trademark infringement, real property, and employment disputes.

As recently enacted privacy and artificial intelligence (AI) laws create new challenges for California companies, Jason is monitoring legislative, regulatory, and court developments to keep clients compliant with the CCPA, CPRA, and other statutes. He earned the Certified Information Privacy Professional/U.S. certification (CIPP/US) and Europe certification (CIPP/E) from the industry-leading International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP). He also is a Certified Artificial Intelligence Governance Professional (AIGP) and serves on the Board of Advisors for AI 2030, an organization committed to globally promoting the design, development, and use of responsible artificial intelligence.

Jason's exposure to numerous corporate and commercial enterprises has helped him develop a deep affinity for business owners, their challenges, and most of all their vision for their companies. In addition to extensive contracts law experience, he has depth in antitrust, price-fixing, and unfair competition concerns.

To preserve clients' profitability and protect their business interests, Jason often moves beyond traditional litigation blueprints to develop customized and expedited strategies for resolution. He extends the value of his experience in advice and counsel focused on litigation prevention and regulatory compliance.

Jason served as a clerk for the Hon. Leslie J. Abrams Gardner of the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Georgia. He also was a judicial extern for the Hon. Virginia A. Phillips of the U.S. District Court, Central District of California. Jason's early career highlights include associate positions with Am Law 100 law firms as well as an internship with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

In 2023, Jason helped found the law firm Annaguey McCann to elevate the lawyer-client experience. His collegial style and steadfast commitment to putting clients and their needs in the forefront are deliberate, defining, and ultimately what he believes every client deserves.

An alumnus of USC Gould School of Law and the University of California, Los Angeles, Jason also has a background in pro bono matters, which range from family adoptions to class action litigation and trial work in federal court.

## **Practice Areas**

Business Litigation

Antitrust and Unfair Competition

Class Actions

Appellate Matters

Litigation Prevention

Privacy Law

## **EXPERIENCE**

### **Representative Matters**

- Defended a supplement manufacturer in a consumer-protection action, securing the dismissal of the action at the earliest stage of litigation.
- Defended and counseled companies in actions alleging violations of the California Invasion of Privacy Act (CIPA).
- Defended a large municipality and its officials in a series of related actions, including a civil rights case, with our client prevailing on summary judgment and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit affirming.
- Defended and secured a favorable settlement for a flagship air carrier in multiple class actions alleging price fixing of airfares and surcharges.
- Represented several manufacturers in internal investigations and federal litigation concerning allegations of false advertising, collusion, and anticompetitive conduct.
- Represented a high-profile actress in a real property dispute involving a historic building, resulting in the landowner withdrawing its litigation threats completely.

- Represented an investor and settled favorably a fraud action against a hedge fund and its principal.
- Secured a favorable settlement for a healthcare company in an action claiming antitrust violations and unfair competition.
- Represented and secured a favorable settlement for a movie producer in an action asserting claims of fraud, breach of contract, and negligence against a world-renowned architect.
- Counseled a chemical manufacturer with respect to supplier and contract issues.

### **Publications and Presentations**

- “Willfully Blind,” *Los Angeles Lawyer* magazine (official publication of the Los Angeles County Bar Association), February 2024
- [“Renewed Importance of Meeting and Conferring,” \*Los Angeles Lawyer\* magazine, November 2024](#)
- “Supreme Court Asked to Decide Application of Antitrust Immunity to Independent Contractors,” *Daily Journal*, November 16, 2022
- “Antitrust Treatment of Pay-for-Delay Arrangements After *K-Dur*,” ABA Young Lawyers Division, *Antitrust Law Committee Newsletter*, Vol. 1, Issue 1

### **Recognitions**

- Named in *Daily Journal’s* “Top Artificial Intelligence Lawyers,” 2024
- Selected to *Los Angeles Business Journal’s* “Leaders of Influence: Litigators & Trial Attorneys,” 2024
- Recognized in *Los Angeles Business Journal’s* “Leaders of Influence: Minority Attorneys,” 2024

## **CREDENTIALS**

### **Education**

- University of Southern California, Gould School of Law, J.D., 2010
- University of California at Los Angeles, B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, 2007

### **Admissions**

- State Bar of California
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court, Central District of California
- United States District Court, Eastern District of California
- United States District Court, Southern District of California

**Certifications**

- Certified Artificial Intelligence Governance Professional (AIGP)
- Certified Information Privacy Professional/Europe (CIPP/E)
- Certified Information Privacy Professional/U.S. (CIPP/US)