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Practice Group

Construction and Facilities
Commercial Litigation
Trial and Litigation

California Bar Number
208713

Admissions

State Bar of California
Roll of Solicitors of England and Wales

Education

London School of Economics, LMM, *with distinction*, 2008 (1 Essex Court Prize for International Business Law; Lawyers Alumni Group Prize for Best Dissertation)

Cornell Law School, JD, *magna cum laude*, 2000 (Editor, *Cornell Law Review*; Order of the Coif)

Boston University, BA, German Literature, *summa cum laude with distinction*, 1997 (Trustee Scholar; College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Prize for Excellence; Phi Beta Kappa)

Practicing Since: 2000

Language Proficiency: German

Ian Johnson has an extensive litigation background that includes complex commercial litigation, mass torts, product liability, and international arbitration. He has handled construction matters, securities and white-collar matters, real estate litigation, internal investigations pursuant to regulatory inquiries, and employment litigation.

Ian also performs significant pro bono work, having defended clients in approximately three dozen cases. Three of those cases went to trial, with two ending in settlement and one in a verdict for the client.

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- American Bar Association
- Bar Association of San Francisco

Presentations and Publications

- Author, “The IBA Guidelines on Party Representation in International Arbitration – Another Bridge over the Common-Law/Civil-Law Divide?,” *Liber Amoricum* for Professor Siegfried Elsing, with Karsten Faulhaber (2015)
- Presenter, “Careers in International Law,” U.C. Davis School of Law and Golden Gate University School of Law (2013 and 2014)
- Arbitrator, Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, Vienna (2009, 2010 and 2011)
- Presenter, “Bridging the Gap between Common Law and Civil Law in International Arbitration,” Düsseldorf International Arbitration School (2009)
- Moderator, “How to Protect Your IP Overseas,” California International Arbitration Conference (2008)

- Author, “Early Termination Arbitration Fees,” *California Law Journal* (2008)
- Presenter, “Enforcing Agreements and Facing Liability Abroad,” Stanford E-Commerce Best Practices Conference (2007)
- Author, “Theft of Biometric Data: Implausible Deniability,” *The Practitioner's Guide to Biometrics*, ABA Publications (2007)

Representative Matters

Ian’s broad range of litigation experience includes:

- Defending four officers and directors in a state-court derivative and breach of contract action
- Assisting the receiver of an insolvent manufacturing company in international arbitrations relating to the carve-out and sale of its photo-imaging business
- Representing foreign companies in federal multi-district litigation relating to the manufacture and sale of allegedly defective drywall
- Representing a major chemical manufacturer in state-court asbestos litigation
- Assisting the claimant in an international arbitration involving the wrongful termination of auto dealership agreements
- Representing the claimant in a domestic arbitration relating to the wrongful termination of restaurant franchise agreements
- Defending an investment management company in employment litigation
- Representing a European media conglomerate in an investment-treaty arbitration related to the client’s purchase of a mobile phone provider
- Assisting a major manufacturer of lawn and pet care products in a nationwide product-liability class action
- Representing a manufacturer of medical devices in a libel action brought by former employees
- Defending a construction supply company in a wage-and-hour class action
- Defending a pharmaceuticals manufacturer in two series of product-liability cases pending in several state jurisdictions
- Defending a major ship-owning and ship-management company in an international arbitration relating to a contract for the transshipment of coal