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ACC Litigation Network Monthly Newsletter

Message from the Network Chair – Rich Coel, Litigation Lead – Americas, Hitachi Rail STS



We are excited that the ACC awarded our network 3 total presentations for this year's annual meeting! We look forward to planning and providing members with quality programming. Please check out the details below.

Upcoming Events

March 26, 2024

Class Actions and Mass Arbitration – Pros and Cons – [REGISTER HERE](#)

April 23, 2024

Legal Update – Topic TBD

Have an idea or request for a legal update topic? Email the program chairs at: Abby Adams at aadams@bbbnp.org or David Bock at David.bock@vca.com.

New and Newsworthy

Congratulations to the Litigation Network for having two programs chosen for the Annual Meeting, plus co-sponsor of a third program with the Legal Department Management Network! The chosen topics are:

- Session #T13 - Modern Trends and New Challenges: An International Comparative Exercise of ADR in Today's Legal Climate
- Session #T47 - Think M&A Litigation Can't Happen to You? Think Again: What Every In-House Counsel Should Know

Litigation Member Spotlight – Jennifer Denny, Senior Litigation Counsel - Cardinal Financial Company, LP

Jennifer has been a member of ACC since going in-house for a mortgage lender in 2019. She joined her local St. Louis Chapter by going to events and received so much encouragement as a new in-house attorney that she asked how else she could be involved. Last year she spoke on a panel at the annual conference and tried not to let her nerves get the best of an excellent presentation. If you have ever thought about getting involved in your local chapter or at the national level, are thinking about attending the annual meeting for the first time, or just want to talk about litigation in different parts of the country, please reach out and say hello!



Do you have a recommendation for a litigation network member who should be given the spotlight in our newsletter? Send an email to jennifer.denny@cardinalfinancial.com with your suggestion (self-nominations welcome!).

Spotlight on Cozen O'Connor

Rachel Bevans Soloman - rsoloman@cozen.com



Rachel is a member of Cozen O'Connor's Commercial Litigation Department. She concentrates her practice on complex litigation related to construction and commercial disputes. Rachel counsels and represents project owners and developers, contractors, and design professionals in all stages of construction projects, including contract formation, project management, pre-suit investigation, development of potential claims, and litigation of claims. She has litigated a variety of construction-related disputes in state and federal courts across the country. Rachel also has significant experience in consumer class actions, including consumer protection and privacy claims, and she has defended clients facing individual and collective actions. She has a track record of successfully narrowing claims and achieving early, decisive exits, and she has worked in the vanguard of mass arbitration defense.

Max Kaplan – mkaplan@cozen.com

Max is a member of Cozen O'Connor's Commercial Litigation Department where he focuses on class action and other complex commercial cases. Experience in all stages of litigation, Max is well-equipped to guide clients from pre-litigation strategy through post-trial and appellate practice.

Max is a proven thought leader and practitioner in the developing areas of privacy, biometrics, and data-related class actions. Most recently, Max represented three trade associations as amici curiae before the Illinois Supreme Court, arguing against an interpretation of the Illinois Biometric Privacy Act (BIPA) that would expose businesses to devastating liability. Max has also represented clients in class action litigation arising from the alleged exposure of personally identifiable information (PII) and the alleged unlawful collection of private information.

Max is an experienced appellate attorney, who represents numerous defendants, including retailers, in complex BIPA class actions. Max represented appellate amici in the Cothron v. White Castle case when it was pending before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and the Illinois Supreme Court. He is co-leading a team developing cutting-edge BIPA defenses for technology providers facing increasingly volatile BIPA case law. Max has also handled multiple data breach class actions — including for major transportation industry and health care clients — and has deep knowledge of the data breach litigation and settlement landscape. Max has particular experience defending claims brought under federal privacy statutes, such as the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), and a host of state consumer protection laws, including California's Unfair Competition Law (UCL) and Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA).



Litigation Laughs

How do you keep your litigation opponents guessing?

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"You'll hear from my lawyer"
-boring
-overplayed
-probably a tax attorney

"Trish is going to be fucking livid"
-intimidating
-who is trish
-what have we done



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