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Practice Areas

Litigation and Arbitration, Intellectual Property and Technology, Privacy and Data Security, Class Action Defense, Commercial Litigation, Products Liability, Securities Litigation, Trade Secret and Unfair Competition, Appellate Practice, Directors and Officers Litigation, White Collar Defense, Internal Investigations, Arbitration and Mediation

Education

New York University Law School (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2001); Swarthmore College (B.A. 1995)

Bar Admissions

New York State; U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Nathaniel Read is an experienced trial and appellate lawyer who regularly appears before federal and state courts and international and U.S. arbitration forums. His practice focuses on complex business and financial disputes, with a particular emphasis on securities, commercial litigation, and real estate litigation. He has also handled a significant number of products liability, antitrust, and other class actions for telecommunications and consumer products companies, as well as other clients. Nate also has extensive experience in trademark, employment, and white collar criminal and enforcement matters.

Nate is recognized in *Legal 500's* U.S. guide in its coverage for both commercial litigation and securities litigation. He has also been named one of New York's *Super Lawyers* for Business Litigation each year since 2016. He graduated *magna cum laude* from New York University School of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif and a Florence Allen Scholar. Before joining the firm, he practiced at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP in New York City. He is proficient in Spanish.

Litigation

Representation of leading U.S. broker-dealer in defense of federal class action litigation arising out of offering of approximately \$700 million of RMBS mortgage pass-through certificates. Matter settled on terms favorable to client.

Represent Fortune Global 500 electronics manufacturing and services firm in bench trial of breach of contract claims against airplane dealer. Court ruled for client, awarding all damages sought.

Co-lead counsel in successful defense of developer and manufacturer of popular snack foods in four consumer class actions pending in four separate jurisdictions, including defeating, after an evidentiary hearing and post-hearing briefing, plaintiffs' motion to enforce a purported settlement negotiated with prior counsel.

Represent premiere beauty and fragrance company in action alleging trademark violations from the sale of counterfeit and defaced goods.

Represented financial advisor in employment and trade secrets dispute.

Successfully defended a former investment advisor in an arbitration alleging "selling away" and breach of fiduciary duty.

Represent partner in hedge fund in insider-trading case brought by the SEC in which firm obtained summary judgment dismissing all claims.

Represented principals of financial service consulting firm in action based on alleged raiding of employees and clients.

Represented limited partner in a suit against general partner claiming breach of fiduciary duty in connection with a buy-out of a partnership interest.

Represent senior money manager in testimony in securities arbitration alleging failure to disclose security risks.

Represented court-appointed officer in three lawsuits against global banking institutions and large accounting firms arising out of the largest European bankruptcy in history.

Representation of investment fund in securities fraud action against national bank and publicly-traded parent company arising out of bond offering backed by subprime mortgages.

Represented limited partnership in an action against former limited partners regarding valuation of the limited partners' interest and whether such interest was forfeited upon their departure.

Represented prominent cardiologist in securities litigation.

Defended CEO of major hospital in a case arising from the hospital's actions against a physician who engaged in improper conduct. Case dismissed in its entirety.

Represented major retailer in trademark dispute brought by client's largest competitor.

Represented real estate developer in tortious interference with contract dispute against regional savings bank.

Represented major international bank in lawsuit against indenture trustee and auditors arising out of fraud in major health-care receivables securitization.

Defended investment management firm against allegations of breach of fiduciary duty by limited partners.

Representation of home products manufacturer in trademark dispute brought by home furnishings manufacturer.

Represented film studio in licensing dispute regarding rights to Broadway musical.

Represented bondholders and other unsecured creditors in several litigation matters arising out of bankruptcy proceedings.

White Collar Defense

Successfully represented individual in public-integrity investigation, avoiding any charges.

Represented 11 individuals in connection with a grand jury investigation stemming from public contracting business of clients' employer; although each client was considered a "subject" of the investigation, no charges were brought.

Conducted internal investigation of national food-service business relating to pricing practice and government contracts.

Represent market professionals in connection with SEC investigations and enforcement actions.

Activities and Affiliations

Member, American Bar Association (Litigation and Criminal Justice Sections)

Member, New York City Bar Association (Federal Courts Committee and Litigation Committee)

Member, Federal Bar Council