

Trent Sterneck

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Washington, D.C.

Biography

Trent Sterneck is a litigator and advisor who helps clients tackle complex legal challenges. He has experience assisting clients engaged in class actions and other disputes—including MDLs, State Attorneys General actions, and appeals.

Government experience equips Trent with a broad skillset to help clients respond to various issues. As a former senior staffer to a U.S. Senator, Trent assisted with judiciary issues, Congressional oversight of federal agencies, and appropriations for the U.S. Department of Justice and the federal courts. Trent also served as a law clerk for Judge Daniel D. Crabtree in the U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas.

Trent is a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law, where he served as an editorial board member for the *Virginia Law & Business Review* and litigated appeals as a member of UVA's Appellate Litigation Clinic.

Representative experience

Won dismissal of class action lawsuit under California Unfair Competition Law (UCL) against major automotive distributor.

Won dismissal of federal class action complaint under California Unfair Competition Law (UCL) against major automotive manufacturer.



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Languages

English

Practices

Commercial Litigation

Litigation Services

Products Law

Industries

Automotive and Mobility

Life Sciences and Health Care

Transportation and Logistics

Areas of focus

Class Actions and Group

Co-authored briefing on motion to dismiss securing dismissal of all claims against automotive manufacturer in federal commercial litigation.

Litigation
State Attorneys General

Served as lead counsel in pro bono litigation successfully securing relief at trial for crime victim seeking to enforce and extend civil protection order.

Served as primary author of briefing on discovery dispute securing favorable discovery ruling for multinational automotive companies in federal product liability class action litigation.

Co-authored briefs in a complex habeas appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, securing favorable ruling on standing issue.*

Assisting automotive manufacturer in responding to federal class action litigation.

Served as lead counsel in complex pro bono litigation successfully securing civil protection order and custody order on behalf of kidnapping victim.

Co-authored briefs in complex antitrust litigation brought by State Attorneys General.

Assisting multinational automotive companies in responding to federal product liability class action.

Advised financial services company regarding legal risks arising from potential antitrust actions by State Attorneys General.

Assisted technology company with legal research and analyses supporting litigation strategy for complex action brought by State Attorneys General concerning consumer protection and antitrust theories.

Served as lead counsel in pro bono litigation securing five-year extension of civil protection order.

Serving as pro bono appellate counsel for stalking victim seeking extended civil protection order.

Won favorable procedural ruling in pro bono representation of crime victim asserting rights in state criminal prosecution.

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., University of Virginia
School of Law, 2020

B.A., College of William & Mary,
2012

Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

Assisting automotive distributor in responding to state class action litigation.

Assisting automotive distributor in responding to federal product liability class action.

Assisting multinational company in responding to litigation under state consumer protection statute.

*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

Awards and rankings

- Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, High Honors, *District of Columbia Courts, 2023*
- Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, High Honors, *District of Columbia Courts, 2022*
- Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, High Honors, *District of Columbia Courts, 2021*

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