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Kyle Casazza is a partner in the Litigation Department and a member of the Trial Strategies and Antitrust practices, where he focuses on all areas of complex commercial litigation. Kyle has significant plaintiff and defense-side experience in jury and bench trials in both state and federal courts. Kyle was named to the *Lawdragon 500* Leading Global Entertainment, Sports & Media Lawyers since 2025. He has also been consistently recognized as a Future Star by *Benchmark Litigation.*

Kyle was part of the trial team that received *The American Lawyer's* “Litigators of the Week” and *Law360's* “Legal Lions” recognition for the defense of Sanderson Farms against $7 billion in damages claims arising from an alleged conspiracy in the broiler chicken industry. Following a six-week trial in the Northern District of Illinois after 13 of 14 defendants settled, the jury returned a complete defense verdict. In 2025, Kyle and the trial team were honored with *Benchmark Litigation*’s “Impact Case” award for the *Broilers* litigation.

Kyle helps solve sophisticated issues across diverse industries, including agriculture, sports, oil and gas, media and entertainment, biologics and small-molecule pharmaceuticals, financial services, technology, and aerospace. Kyle has also successfully represented major law firms in connection with claims involving both clients and non-clients. Kyle’s counseling extends to government investigations,

including civil and criminal antitrust matters, False Claims Act investigations, and NTSB investigations of aerospace accidents.

In his pro bono work, Kyle has argued in front of the Florida Supreme Court on behalf of Brady, defending a proposed ballot initiative to ban certain assault weapons. In a leading-edge lawsuit against the United States Navy, Kyle secured a discharge upgrade for a veteran who had experienced military sexual trauma. Kyle also serves as a board member for the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, and a Founders Club member of *Reasons to be Cheerful*, a nonprofit media outlet which aims to inspire us all to be curious about how the world can be better, and to ask ourselves how we can be part of that change.

Kyle graduated first in his class from the USC Gould School of Law in May 2007. Following graduation, Kyle clerked for the Honorable Sandra Segal Ikuta, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Kyle graduated from the USC Thornton School of Music in 2003, and as a drummer has studied and performed with numerous award-winning musicians, including Gregg Bissonette, Gregg Field, Ndugu Chancler, Tommy Igoe, Ed Shaughnessy, and Menzie Pittman.

Kyle is an award-winning BBQ pitmaster and has served as an elected board member of the California BBQ Association, a 501(c)(3) organization created to raise money to support veterans' organizations, education, hunger relief and disaster relief.

Matters

Representations include:

- Trial counsel for Sanderson Farms and Wayne Farms in litigation and related civil enforcement actions by State Attorneys General alleging a supply reduction conspiracy in the broiler chicken industry. (Litigators of the Week: Proskauer Scores a Defense Win for Last Defendant Standing in Broiler Chicken Antitrust Suit - Insights - Proskauer Rose LLP)

- Co-lead counsel for ATP Tour, Inc. in connection with putative class action antitrust litigation initiated by the Professional Tennis Players Association.
- Trial counsel for AbbVie in antitrust litigation stemming from alleged anticompetitive “pay-for-delay” agreement with a generic drug manufacturer.
- Trial counsel for Sandoz Inc. in the *Generic Pharmaceuticals Pricing* MDL proceeding, including proposed class actions as well as actions by State AGs and individual purchasers alleging price fixing and market allocation.
- Counsel for the BIG EAST Conference in connection with antitrust litigation relating to college athletics.
- Counsel for Continental Resources, Inc. in the *Shale Oil* MDL proceeding.
- Counsel for Miramax, LLC in its action against writer/director Quentin Tarantino alleging breach of contract, copyright infringement, trademark infringement, and unfair competition in connection with the sale of non-fungible tokens (“NFTs”) relating to the motion picture Pulp Fiction.
- Counsel for the Los Angeles Lakers and the Jacksonville Jaguars in insurance coverage disputes related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Counsel for Gilead Sciences, Inc. in products liability litigation in federal and state court involving HIV medications.
- Trial counsel for the major college athletics conferences, including the Pac-12, Big Ten, Big 12, ACC, and SEC, in a high-profile antitrust case brought by a class of Division I football and men’s and women’s basketball players alleging that NCAA limitations on compensation to athletes violate the antitrust laws.. Following a bench trial and appeal, the case was ultimately resolved by the United States Supreme Court.
- Counsel for Amgen in patent litigation related to biosimilar cancer drugs.
- Counsel for Johnson & Johnson in a three-week jury trial in Oklahoma state court alleging that exposure to Johnson’s Baby Powder causes mesothelioma. During jury deliberations the matter was resolved on highly favorable terms.
- Counsel for a major aerospace company in an NTSB investigation into a fatal accident involving a sub-orbital spacecraft.

- Counsel for Transocean during the first two phases of the landmark bench trial relating to the Deepwater Horizon tragedy in the Gulf of Mexico. Following the first phase, the court found that BP's contractual agreement to indemnify Transocean was valid and enforceable, and that Transocean was not liable for punitive damages.
- Counsel for Rambus, Inc. in connection with its multi-billion dollar antitrust claims against two of the world's largest computer memory manufacturers, Micron Technology, Inc. and Hynix Semiconductor, Inc. The trial set a record in San Francisco Superior Court for the length of jury deliberations (eight weeks), after which the jury returned a 9 to 3 verdict for defendants.
- Counsel for Otis Worldwide Corporation in a putative class action based on claimed decreases in the value of long-term incentive awards and deferred compensation.
- Counsel for an investment fund in a three-week jury trial in Los Angeles Superior Court involving a negligent misrepresentation claim against a Big Four accounting firm.
- Counsel for Wells Fargo Bank in connection with several highly publicized matters in state and federal courts, including cases alleging that the bank engaged in unlawful sales practices, and cases alleging disparate impact race discrimination with regard to mortgage lending.
- Counsel for an AmLaw 200 law firm in a dispute against its former litigation adversaries in which the trial court granted the firm's anti-SLAPP motion to strike and entered a six-figure award in attorneys' fees. The trial court's decision was affirmed by the California Court of Appeal in a published opinion.
- Counsel for television producer Conrad Riggs in his breach of partnership action in Los Angeles Superior Court against reality television mogul Mark Burnett and Mark Burnett Productions, producers of Survivor, The Apprentice, The Contender and many other successful shows. The case settled on confidential terms after three years of litigation.
- Counsel for a major financial institution defending against a nine-figure breach of contract claim arising from a failed Las Vegas resort development.

Practices

Trials, Litigation, Antitrust, Mass Torts & Product Liability, Restrictive Covenants, Trade Secrets & Unfair Competition

Industries

Sports, Private Capital

Market Solutions

Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG)

Education

University of Southern California Gould School of Law, J.D.

Law Alumni Award

Alfred I. Mellenthin Award

Judge Malcolm Lucas Award

Arthur Manella Scholarship

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Southern California Law Review, Senior Submissions Editor

Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy, Executive Editor (*Symposium Issue*)

University of Southern California Thornton School of Music, B.S.

cum laude

Admissions & Qualifications

California

New York

Clerkships

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit - Judge Sandra Segal Ikuta

Awards & Recognition

Benchmark Litigation: Future Stars 2025-2026

Lawdragon 500 Leading Global Entertainment, Sports and Media Lawyers 2025

The Legal 500 United States: US Antitrust - Civil Litigation/Class Actions: Defense: 2025

The Legal 500 United States: General Commercial Disputes: 2025