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Kyle Casazza is a partner in the Litigation Department and a member of the Trial Strategies practice, 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. He has represented major companies in a wide array of industries, including sports, biologics and small-molecule pharmaceuticals, financial services, media and entertainment, technology, oil and gas, and aerospace. Kyle has also defended lawyers and law firms in connection with claims by both clients and non-clients arising from the performance of professional services.

Kyle has worked on a number of civil and criminal antitrust matters, representing clients both in court and with the Department of Justice. He has also participated in internal accident investigations for aerospace companies.

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.

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, 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 the health and education of needy children; support emergency disaster relief efforts, including any individuals who are serving or have served as first responders; and support active duty members or veterans of any branch of the United States Armed Forces.

Matters

Representations include:

- Counsel for Miramax, LLC in its recently filed legal 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

Trial Strategies, Litigation, Antitrust, Product Liability & Consumer Litigation

Industries

Sports

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

Clerkships

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