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Scott P. Cooper has been successfully litigating complex commercial cases for over 30 years at every level of the state and federal courts, including the United States Supreme Court. Scott concentrates his practice in complex commercial litigation, including antitrust, sports, financial, securities, and intellectual property disputes. He has extensive experience in domestic and international business litigation, including class and other representative actions, involving a broad range of products, services, technology and proprietary information.

An experienced antitrust litigator, Scott has represented clients in federal and state antitrust litigations in numerous industries including professional and collegiate sports, financial services, insurance, television and motion pictures, pharmaceuticals, energy, and health care. He also has experience in state and federal civil and criminal antitrust investigations and grand jury proceedings, and extensive counseling of clients in the pre-dispute transactional setting.

Scott represents clients in the sports industry such as Major League Baseball in league governance disputes and antitrust litigation, and the Pac-12 Conference in antitrust litigation. In securities and other business litigations, Scott represents clients in derivative and shareholder class actions concerning proposed mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and financing. He also represents clients in complex financial industry litigations relating to public and structured finance

transactions and has defended consumer class and other representative actions in diverse other industries such as health care, propane, and weight loss.

Scott's intellectual property experience is equally extensive. In 2000, he was one of the lead trial counsel in the landmark Digital Millennium Copyright Act victory on behalf of the motion picture industry in the Southern District of New York. That case of first impression involved the application of the anti-circumvention rules of the Copyright Act to Internet distribution of a utility for illegally decrypting DVDs. He also represented most of the major motion picture studios and the four major television networks in their technology copyright action against ReplayTV, the distributor of personal video recorders. He has handled disputes of all kinds affecting the entertainment and media industries, including financing, licensing and distribution, idea submission, rights of privacy and publicity, participation accounting and Guild residual disputes.

Scott has represented domestic and foreign-based clients in matters in the U.S. and Europe involving subjects as diverse as transactions involving computer products, motion picture financing and licensing, as well as a wide range of issues relating to fine art. He has represented, among other clients based outside the United States, the Republic of Austria and the Austrian National Gallery, on whose behalf he argued before the United States Supreme Court in February 2004, in a case of first impression involving the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act.

Scott sits on the Board of the Constitutional Rights Foundation.

Practices

Copyright, Special Situations, Intellectual Property, Asset Management Litigation, Restrictive Covenants, Trade Secrets & Unfair Competition, Securities Litigation, Antitrust

Industries

Sports, Private Capital, Private Equity, Asset Management

Education

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D.

University of Notre Dame, B.A.

Admissions & Qualifications

California

Court Admissions

Supreme Court of the United States

U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court, California, Central District

U.S. District Court, California, Eastern District

U.S. District Court, Michigan, Eastern District

U.S. District Court, California, Northern District

U.S. District Court, California, Southern District

Awards & Recognition

Benchmark Litigation Litigation Star 2019-2026

Benchmark Litigation Local Litigation Star 2017-2018

Best Lawyers in America 2013-2027

Best Lawyers "Lawyer of the Year-Sports Law" 2024

Lawdragon 500 Leading Global Entertainment, Sports & Media Lawyers: Copyright, Intellectual Propery, Sports, 2025

The Legal 500 United States: General Commercial Disputes 2017

The Legal 500 United States: Antitrust: Civil Litigation/Class Actions 2019

The Legal 500 United States: Sports 2019

Southern California Super Lawyers 2005-2020

Sports Business Journal Power Players: Outside Counsel 2021