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Shawn S. Ledingham, Jr. is a litigator in the firm's Trial Strategies practice, successful in obtaining early favorable resolution for clients but prepared to defend their interests at trial. He has represented over thirty Fortune 500 companies and subsidiaries in litigation, in addition to dozens of other businesses and public entities. Shawn has been named by Super Lawyers as a Rising Star in litigation, as well as in entertainment and sports law.

Shawn is a member of the firm's Sports Law Group and has a deep understanding of the legal framework of today's sports industry. He has developed that knowledge litigating and counseling sports clients on a variety of matters, with an emphasis on antitrust, league governance, and intraleague relationships. Shawn has represented and counseled a wide range of sports leagues and teams, including Major League Baseball, Major League Soccer, the National Basketball Association, the Women's National Basketball Association, the National Football League, the Pac-12 Conference, the Big East Conference, the World Surf League, the Drone Racing League, and Oracle Team USA.

Shawn also has substantial experience in toxic tort, product liability, and environmental litigation. A member of the firm's Product Liability & Consumer Litigation practice group, Shawn defends clients in cases of alleged design or manufacturing defect, product contamination, and failure to warn, including under

California's Proposition 65. In addition to defending against Proposition 65 lawsuits, he advises clients on compliance with the statute's warning requirements.

Shawn is actively involved in promoting justice in his community and is a member of Proskauer's Pro Bono Committee. During the summer of 2019, Shawn volunteered with the Los Angeles Office of the City Attorney as a pro bono prosecutor in over ten criminal cases, including prosecuting four jury trials. In 2012, Shawn served as counsel to the Los Angeles County Citizens' Commission on Jail Violence, investigating and reporting on use of force by deputies within the county jail system. For his work on jail reform, Shawn received the 2013 ACLU of Southern California's Community Service Pro Bono Award and a commendation from the County of Los Angeles.

While in law school, Shawn was the managing editor of the *New York University Law Review* and chaired the Writing Competition Committee.

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## Matters

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### Representative matters proceeding to trial include:

- *Pipes v. American Honda, et al.* (Oklahoma County District Ct.): Trial counsel to Johnson & Johnson in a three-week jury trial in Oklahoma City state court alleging that exposure to Johnson's Baby Powder causes mesothelioma. Following jury deliberations but before a verdict had been reached, the matter was resolved on highly favorable terms.
- *In re National Collegiate Athletic Association Athletic Grant-in-Aid Gap Antitrust Litigation* (N.D. Cal. & 9th Cir.): Trial counsel on behalf of the Pac-12 Conference, Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big 12 Conference, and Southeastern Conference 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.

- *United States v. Aggarwal, et al.* and *Securities and Exchange Commission v. Aggarwal, et al.* (C.D. Cal.): Counsel to several non-party witnesses in criminal trial and civil litigation alleging the witnesses' former co-worker engaged in insider trading.
- *Echeverria v. Johnson & Johnson, et al.* (Los Angeles Superior Ct.): Represented Johnson & Johnson in successfully moving for judgment notwithstanding the verdict, and, in the alternative, a new trial, following jury verdict in product liability trial relating to the company's talc-based Baby Powder and Shower to Shower products and their alleged link to ovarian cancer.
- *TMO CA/NV, LLC v. Site Management Services, Inc., et al.* (San Diego Superior Ct.): Trial counsel to T-Mobile in pursuing claims against former employee, who had sought in excess of \$500 million from T-Mobile, for fraudulently obtaining millions of dollars through self-dealing in breach of his fiduciary duties, favorably resolving the matter during trial.

#### **Representative matters dismissed before trial include:**

- *FPV Holdings LLC v. Loo* (Santa Clara Superior Ct.): Successfully opposed, on behalf of the Drone Racing League, an application for a temporary restraining order that would have prevented a racer from participating in Drone Racing League events. The entire action was voluntarily dismissed days after the plaintiff's application for a TRO was denied.
- Represented a major financial institution in state-law discrimination claim brought by a former adult entertainment producer alleging he was illegally refused a home loan because of his prior occupation, and won dismissal of all claims and summary judgment in favor of the bank.
- *City of San José v. Office of the Commissioner of Baseball* (N.D. Cal., 9th Cir., & U.S. Sup. Ct.): Won dismissal of all claims and judgment in favor of MLB and former Commissioner Bud Selig in antitrust litigation brought by the city of San José as a result of alleged delay in MLB's consideration of a request by the Oakland A's to relocate to San José. Successfully defended the judgment on appeal to the Ninth Circuit and opposed a petition to the U.S.

Supreme Court for certiorari.

- *Bragg v. Flint Group North America Corp.* (Los Angeles Superior Ct.): Successfully represented Church & Dwight in toxic tort and product liability litigation.
- *Velazquez v. David* (C.D. Cal.): Removed to federal court and won dismissal of all claims and judgment in favor of Major League Soccer in employment litigation brought by former player.
- *Morgan v. Aerojet-General Corporation* (Sacramento Superior Ct.): Obtained favorable settlement for Aerojet in toxic tort litigation arising out of alleged groundwater contamination.
- *In re Los Angeles Dodgers LLC* (Bankr. D. Del.): Represented MLB's interests in the bankruptcy and successful sale of the Los Angeles Dodgers.
- Settlement of multiple private enforcement actions brought under California's Proposition 65 alleging failure to adequately warn of risk of cancer or reproductive harm.

#### Practices

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Litigation, Trial Strategies, Product Liability & Consumer Litigation

#### Industries

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Sports

#### Education

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New York University School of Law, J.D., 2010

Managing Editor, *New York University Law Review*

Southern Utah University, B.A., 2007

*summa cum laude*

#### Admissions & Qualifications

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California

### Court Admissions

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U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit  
U.S. District Court, California, Central District  
U.S. District Court, California, Eastern District  
U.S. District Court, California, Northern District  
U.S. District Court, California, Southern District  
U.S. Supreme Court

### Memberships

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Association of Business Trial Lawyers  
Sports Lawyers Association  
Federal Bar Association  
Los Angeles County Bar Association

### Awards & Recognition

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Southern California Super Lawyers Rising Stars 2015-2019  
ACLU of Southern California's Community Service Pro Bono Award, 2013  
Proskauer Pro Bono Golden Gavel Award, 2012