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Shawn S. Ledingham, Jr. is a litigator in the firm's Trial Strategies practice, successful in obtaining early favorable resolutions and defending client interests at trial. He has represented over thirty Fortune 500 companies and subsidiaries in litigation, as well as many other businesses, sports leagues, and public entities.

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 Group, Shawn defends clients in cases of alleged environmental contamination, product design or manufacturing defects, and improper or inadequate labeling, including under California's Proposition 65 and Consumer

Legal Remedies Act.

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 served as a pro bono prosecutor with the Los Angeles Office of the City Attorney, prosecuting three jury trials as sole trial counsel and resolving many other cases short of trial. Shawn also previously 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

Representative matters proceeding to trial include:

- *Stephens v. Monsanto* (San Bernardino Superior Ct.): Trial counsel to Monsanto in a case brought by a woman claiming that use of the weed killer Roundup caused her non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. After a five-month trial, the California jury rejected the claims entirely, returning a defense verdict on all counts. The verdict in *Stephens v. Monsanto* is the second defense verdict in the Roundup mass tort litigation. All prior trials with plaintiffs who claimed to have personally applied Roundup resulted in verdicts against Monsanto ranging from \$80 million to over \$2 billion. [Reuters, "Bayer wins second straight verdict in a Roundup cancer case."](#)
- *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., & U.S. Supreme Ct.): 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. [Reuters, "California judge tosses \\$417 million talc cancer verdict against Johnson & Johnson."](#)
- *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:

- *Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP v. J-M Manufacturing Company, Inc.* (Los Angeles Superior Ct.): Obtained favorable settlement for law firm in case seeking disgorgement and punitive damages for alleged breach of fiduciary duty and conflict of interest, within weeks of filing motion for judgment on the pleadings.
- *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. Supreme 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. [Reuters, "Supreme court won't hear challenge to baseball antitrust immunity."](#)
- *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. [Reuters, "Los Angeles Dodgers, MLB agree to sell the team."](#)
- 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

Litigation, Trial Strategies, Product Liability & Consumer Litigation

Industries

Sports

Education

New York University School of Law, J.D.

Managing Editor, *New York University Law Review*

Southern Utah University, B.A.

summa cum laude

Admissions & Qualifications

California

Court Admissions

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

Association of Business Trial Lawyers

Sports Lawyers Association

Federal Bar Association

Los Angeles County Bar Association

Awards & Recognition

Southern California Super Lawyers Rising Stars 2015-2021

ACLU of Southern California's Community Service Pro Bono Award, 2013

Proskauer Pro Bono Golden Gavel Award, 2012