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David is a Partner in the firm's Litigation Department. David's practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, with a particular emphasis on:

- Defending product liability claims, including drug and medical device claims;
- Litigating commercial disputes such as contract, fraud, and intellectual property rights claims;
- Arbitrating and litigating franchise matters, which are often franchisor disputes with franchisees, area representatives, consumers, and vendors;
- Enforcing arbitration agreements and awards; and
- Litigating requests for discovery in aid of foreign proceedings under Section 1782.

In these and other matters, David has represented a range of clients—manufacturers, aerospace companies, pharmaceutical and medical device companies, energy companies, franchisors, insurers, individuals, and more—before a variety of state and federal courts in Connecticut and around the country, as well as before government agencies and arbitral forums.

At ALM Media's 2023 New England Legal Awards, David was recognized as a New Leader in the Law. Also, for the past three years, David has been recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® as "One to Watch" for his representation of defendants in product liability litigation. David writes and speaks on arbitration, franchise, and product liability issues. He has been a guest instructor for Quinnipiac University School of Law's Product Liability class. He currently serves as Chair of the Connecticut Bar Association's Franchise, Distribution, and Dealer Law Section. Additionally, he is a member of the Defense Research Institute (including its Drug and Medical Device Committee) and the American Bar Association (including its Forum on Franchising).

Before joining Wiggin and Dana, David served as a law clerk to the Honorable Jeffrey Alker Meyer of the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut. David received his J.D. *summa cum laude* from Quinnipiac University School of Law, where he was the president of the Student Bar Association and the lead articles editor for the *Quinnipiac Law*

Review. He earned his bachelor's degree *magna cum laude* from Wagner College.

David is dedicated to the New Haven community. Among other things, he serves as Treasurer of the Board of the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen and has served as a volunteer judge for Project Youth Court. He has also represented pro bono clients in inmate civil rights cases.

Education

- Quinnipiac University School of Law (J.D., 2013)
 - summa cum laude
- Wagner College (B.S., 2009)
 - magna cum laude

Bar Admissions

- Connecticut

Court Admissions

- US District Court (District of Connecticut)
- US District Court (Southern District of New York)
- US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Memberships and Affiliations

- Connecticut Bar Association – Franchise, Distribution & Dealer Law Section (Chair; previously Secretary and Education Chair), Antitrust & Trade Regulation Section, Federal Practice Section
- American Bar Association – Forum on Franchising
- Defense Research Institute – Product Liability, Drug and Medical Device, and Commercial Litigation Sections

Publications

December 16, 2020

When Can Hospitals Be Subjected to Strict Product Liability? The Connecticut Supreme Court Is Mulling It Over

June 12, 2017

What's Left to Litigate about Forum Selection Clauses? Atlantic Marine Turns Four

Franchise Law Journal, Volume 36-4, Spring 2017

December 21, 2016

Supreme Court Confirms Expert Testimony Required to Establish Causation in Legal Mal Cases

Connecticut Law Tribune

September 22, 2016

Recent Decision Opens State Courts to Claims by Nonresidents Concerning Nationally Marketed or Distributed Products