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SERVICES

Litigation
Commercial Litigation
Class and Collective Actions
Employee Benefits and
ERISA Litigation
Product Liability

INDUSTRIES

Health Care
Real Estate
Food, Beverage and
Agribusiness
Food
Beverage
Agribusiness
Manufacturing, Distribution
and Retail
Higher Education
Cannabis Law

Casey Grabenstein handles complex commercial litigation and compliance counseling for clients nationwide across an array of industries, from alcoholic beverage and financial services to higher education and product manufacturers. An experienced trial lawyer and member of the Trial Bar for the Northern District of Illinois, Casey represents Fortune 500 and other major companies in jury trials and appeals at both the state and federal level. His litigation experience includes class actions involving securities, consumer fraud, and ERISA, including a case for a major university. He also handles litigation involving product liability, including serving as national counsel for multiple companies, breach of contract, and employment disputes. He also resolves disputes through arbitration, obtaining multiple awards on behalf of clients after successful arbitration hearings, and is recognized for his leadership and experience in this area through his role as chair of the Chicago Bar Association's Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Committee.

In addition to his litigation experience, Casey acts as general outside counsel for companies, particularly in the food and beverage industry. His work in this area includes assisting with licensing, developing compliance programs, and providing training to align operations with state and federal regulations. When licensing and compliance issues arise, he defends alcoholic beverage companies facing investigation and litigation. He also provides legal advice on contractual and business matters.

Casey has an extensive pro bono practice that includes getting a death sentence vacated for a Texas man on death row for eight years and obtaining asylum for a Tanzanian woman following an immigration trial. He also has handled numerous Section 1983 cases involving prisoners and arrestees.

EXPERIENCE

- Defending large health insurance company in multiple disputes with providers and hospitals, including an arbitration that resulted in a defense verdict
- Prosecuting fraud claims against creditor on behalf of lending company in an arbitration hearing that resulted in multi-million dollar verdict

- Defending major car manufacturer in product liability cases throughout the country
- Prosecuting billion-dollar trade secret dispute in which he successfully argued dispositive motions
- Defending financial institution facing pending securities litigation in deposition and other discovery efforts

HONORS

Selected to the Rising Stars list, Illinois *Super Lawyers*, 2014-present

Named an "Emerging Lawyer" in Health Care by the Law Bulletin Publishing Company's Leading Lawyers Network

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Chicago Bar Association

- Chair, ADR Committee

Adjunct professor for Pre-Trial Interviews and Investigations course, Northwestern Law School

EDUCATION

J.D., *summa cum laude*, University of Illinois School of Law, 2006

- Order of the Coif
- Harno Scholar
- Rickert Award for Excellence in Academic Achievement
- Illinois Law Review

B.A., University of Notre Dame, 2002

BAR ADMISSION

Illinois