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About David

David Norris is a partner in our Phoenix office, where he handles high-stakes litigation and class actions.

David represents clients in federal and state courts across the country on matters involving antitrust, financial services (Electronic Fund Transfer Act, Fair Debt Collections Practices Act, Truth in Lending Act), breach of contract, consumer fraud, unfair competition, and more. David also handles complex commercial disputes, including shareholder disputes, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of representations and warranties, and business valuations. David has litigated cases through trial and mediation, as well as up to the Arizona Supreme Court and US Supreme Court.

Experience

- Compelled individual arbitration on two, putative nationwide class actions alleging unfair and deceptive practices concerning rental car services.
- Represented a financial institution before the Arizona Supreme Court in establishing the test to modify standardized consumer contracts in Arizona.
- Part of the team that represented Bank of America Corp. before the US Supreme Court in *Bank of America Corp. v. City of Miami*, where the Court unanimously adopted the proximate cause test advanced by Bank of America.
- Successfully moved to dismiss and demurred to several class claims under the Unfair Competition Law, Fair Debt Collections Practices Act and Rosenthal Fair Debt Collections Practice Act.
- Obtained a trial verdict on all claims, including compensatory, punitive and exemplary damages, against former employees for misusing employers' confidential information and soliciting clients in breach of their employment contracts.
- Obtained dismissal of Electronic Fund Transfer Act and negligence claims asserted against a financial institution.
- Achieved dismissal of putative nationwide class action alleging Truth in Lending Act violations in the origination of loans to finance energy-efficient improvements.
- Achieved complete defense award following AAA arbitration of breach of contract claim seeking US\$1.2 million in damages.

- Obtained dismissal of professional negligence claim against national insurance brokerage firm seeking US\$24 million in damages.
- Obtained dismissal of breach of fiduciary duty and Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) claims asserted by a former executive.
- Filed amicus brief on behalf of the Blockchain Association in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit concerning whether Telegram's sale of US\$1.7 billion in cryptocurrency assets involved an unregistered securities offering.
- Obtained denial of motion for class certification and then a grant of summary judgment on behalf of multiple mortgage lenders in multidistrict litigation.
- Obtained an extraordinary *writ of certiorari* from the South Carolina Supreme Court to review and then unanimously reverse a trial court order denying motion to dismiss in consolidated cases brought by five South Carolina counties.

Pro Bono

- Obtained a reversal of restitution award entered under the Mandatory Victims Restitution Act (MVRA) on behalf of an indigent criminal defendant. *United States v. Casados*, 26 F.4th 845 (10th Cir. 2022)
- Successfully represented an indigent asylum seeker from Eritrea seeking asylum in the US due to religious persecution.

Credentials

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2013
- Arizona State University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2010

Admissions

- Arizona, 2018
- District of Columbia, 2015
- New York, 2014

Recognitions

- Recognized in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America* 2023-2025 for Commercial Litigation

Expertise

Services

- Litigation

About our firm

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