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Education

J.D., UCLA School of Law, 2008

B.L.S., Bowling Green State University, 2005

Bar Admissions

California
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Experience

Law Clerk, Hon. Raymond C. Fisher, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2008-09)

Publications

"Exploring the New California Consumer Privacy Act's Unusual Class Action Cure Provision," *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, April 23, 2019

"Do You Really Need That Expert Witness?" *Daily Journal*, February 20, 2019

"The Collateral Effects of Deferred Prosecution Agreements to Corporations in Subsequent Civil and Regulatory Actions," *Skadden Insights* 2014, June 2014

Kevin Minnick's practice focuses on large-scale commercial litigation and advising in-house compliance departments. He also has represented clients in trademark, *qui tam* and appellate matters.

Mr. Minnick's clients include companies in the automotive, health care, apparel and financial services industries.

Mr. Minnick's experience includes the following representative matters:

- **Kia Motors Corporation and Kia Motors America, Inc.** in a complete trial victory for both companies, defeating allegations that the automaker and its U.S. subsidiary infringed a registered trademark. The court ruled in Kia's favor despite an adverse verdict rendered by an advisory jury. Mr. Minnick oversaw all pretrial fact and expert discovery, drafted key legal briefs and second-chaired the four-day trial in federal court. This case was selected by the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* as one of its Top Defense Verdicts of 2017;
- **Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.** in state and federal litigation involving allegations of unintended acceleration. Mr. Minnick assisted the lead trial lawyer in defending the depositions of several top executives, regularly contributed to key briefs, and served as liaison between Skadden and virtual law firm affiliates during the pretrial phase of the first unintended acceleration bellwether case;
- **Purdue Pharma, L.P.** in securing a stay of all proceedings in litigation brought by Orange and Santa Clara counties against several pharmaceutical companies, which sought to broadly enjoin the industry's marketing activity. Mr. Minnick was a key member of the briefing team that successfully argued that all state court proceedings should remain stayed under theories of primary jurisdiction and equitable abstention pending further studies by the FDA;
- **Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.** in obtaining a highly favorable jury verdict against allegations of discrimination in mortgage rates. Mr. Minnick presented the oral argument for Wells Fargo's proposed jury instructions, winning a key legal ruling that prohibited the plaintiffs from recovering millions in prejudgment interest. After the trial, a Los Angeles Superior Court jury awarded damages for less than 1.5 percent of the mortgages written by Wells Fargo in Los Angeles County during the class period. The case is the first class action ever tried to verdict under California's Unruh Civil Rights Act;
- **LaSalle Bank, N.A. (now Bank of America)** in winning dismissal of five related class actions that alleged the lender aided and abetted a fraudulent real estate investment scheme. Mr. Minnick co-drafted the winning briefs, which secured a full dismissal with prejudice of all claims against the lender before any discovery took place; and
- **The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation**, on a *pro bono* basis, in the filing of a U.S. Supreme Court *amicus* brief supporting the right to free speech and peaceful protest on public roads in California.

Mr. Minnick was selected by the National LGBT Bar Association as one of the Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 – Class of 2017. He also serves on the board of governors of the LGBT Bar Association of Los Angeles and on the board of directors of the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles.