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Health & Life Sciences

Automotive

Consumer Goods

Technology

Ethan Levinton focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation. He has broad experience in class action, consumer protection, employment, civil liberties, antitrust, intellectual property, and white-collar matters. Ethan has served as counsel to clients in a wide variety of industries from the early days of crisis management and internal investigation through trial.

Ethan has particular experience representing clients in investigations and litigation matters involving privacy and cyber security against the Federal Trade Commission, the United States Department of Justice, and private plaintiffs pursuing various causes of action under state and federal law including the False Claims Act.

Ethan also has experience representing and advising clients on internal and government investigations including matters before the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the United States Department of Justice, the Federal Reserve Board, and the New York Department of Financial Services.

Prior to joining the firm, Ethan was a litigation associate and then a litigation partner at a leading global white-shoe corporate law firm in its Dallas, Texas office. Previously, he was a litigation associate in the New York City office of an international corporate law firm.

While attending the University of Texas School of Law, Ethan was Chief Articles Editor for both *The Review of Litigation, Vol. 37*, and *The Texas Journal of Oil, Gas, and Energy Law, Vol. 13*. He also served as an intern to Judge Lee H. Rosenthal in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

Experience

*Represented a healthcare and medical device company in various investigations related to misappropriation of trade secrets by employees.

*Represented an industrial manufacturing company and its subsidiary in various state and federal disputes challenging the development of a domestic aluminum smelting facility.

*Represented commercial seller of water rights in successful defeat of extraordinary writ to the New Mexico Supreme Court challenging the authorization of a replacement well associated with a contract to provide water to a large data center project.

*Represented an independent dermatology company in disputes relating to the development, regulatory approval, and commercialization of a novel neuromodulator product, as well as breaches of a distribution agreement involving numerous jurisdictions around the globe.

*Represented a private education technology company and its subsidiary in putative class action litigation alleging violations of privacy rights in connection with the client's online platform.

*Represented an education technology provider in an FTC investigation into the company's data collection and usage and compliance with the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA).

*Advised a global auto rental company and certain of its affiliates in an FTC investigation regarding alleged predatory business practices.

*Defended an electronic cigarette company and its co-founders in multidistrict litigation involving alleged fraudulent marketing and products liability claims related to the client’s e-cigarette and e-vapor products.

*Represented a leading defense systems manufacturer in a False Claims Act (FCA)/qui tam action concerning cybersecurity.

*Represented a real estate investment organization, its family of investment funds, and employees in litigation alleging RICO violations and conspiracy to defraud a Texas homebuilding company.

*Represented a leading financial institution in a nationwide Title VII class action.

*Represented a major automotive manufacturer in a civil securities fraud class action regarding diesel emission regulations.

*Represented the U.S. branch of an international bank in various law enforcement and regulatory matters regarding OFAC and AML compliance.

*Experience gained by attorney prior to joining Kilpatrick

Education

University of Texas School of Law J.D. (2018) *with Honors*

University of Texas at Austin B.A., Government and Philosophy (2015) *Highest Honors, Philosophy*, *Special Honors, Government*, *Phi Beta Kappa*, *Liberal Arts Honors Program*, *William Jennings Bryan Thesis Prize Winner*

Admissions

New York (2019)

Texas (2021)

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

Professional & Community Activities

The Dervish Club, Member

Insights

Webinars

What's New in Consumer Protection and Advertising Law?

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