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Practice Areas

Business & Commercial
Litigation

Class Action Defense &
Multi-District Litigation

Construction

Bar Admissions

Louisiana, 1999

Education

Paul M. Hebert Law Center,
Louisiana State University,
J.D., 1999

Georgetown University, A.B.
in American Government,
1995



Ryan Johnson is a partner in the firm's Business & Commercial Litigation Practice Group and is the office head for the firm's Baton Rouge office. Prior to joining Jones Walker, he clerked for Judge Frank J. Polozola, then the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana.

Mr. Johnson has represented clients in a wide range of litigation matters in state and federal court, including a variety of commercial disputes. Mr. Johnson also litigates matters before Louisiana administrative agencies and boards, as well as before arbitration tribunals.

Mr. Johnson's experience includes representing clients in state law "blue sky" securities claims, as well as representing securities brokers and brokerage houses in claims for unfair trade practices and breach of contract. Mr. Johnson also routinely represents clients in intellectual property matters, including claims for trademark and patent infringement and misappropriation of patent rights. In the area of complex litigation and products liability, he has represented a number of RV manufacturers in a multi-district litigation proceeding involving more than 5,000 individual lawsuits arising from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. In that litigation, he was appointed by the Court as liaison counsel for a large group of defendants.

In addition, Mr. Johnson represented manufacturers in other types of product liability claims related to pipeline equipment. He has also litigated various aspects of Louisiana estate and probate proceedings.

Mr. Johnson also has extensive experience in litigating class action lawsuits, including a recent matter in which he successfully represented a third-party health care administrator in a putative class action, which included 250,000 class members, obtaining dismissal of all claims brought against the

third-party administrator.

Within the construction industry, Mr. Johnson has represented general contractors in various disputes with subcontractors, and has also represented subcontractors in asserting public and private works act liens. He also represented a construction program manager in a large-scale public works dispute and represented clients in real properties disputes between multiple co-owners.

Noteworthy

- Selected by *Baton Rouge Business Report* as one of Forty Under 40, 2007
- Named a "Rising Star" in the area of Business Litigation in the 2012 edition of *Louisiana Super Lawyers*

Representative Matters

- Defended departing broker and brokerage house in unfair trade practice, tort, and employment agreement claims seeking injunctive and other relief.
- Defended local municipality in injunction action to stop public works project funded by publicly issued bonds.
- Defended state agency in action seeking injunctive and other relief related to investment of public funds.
- Represented construction contractors in disputes with subcontractors related to defective construction and workmanship.
- Represented large investment bank in state "blue sky" claims in suit involving over 60 plaintiffs and 15 different defendants.
- Represented program manager in dispute related to large-scale public works project.
- Represented property owners in dispute regarding ownership of property and accounting for revenues derived from jointly-owned property.
- Represented RV manufacturers in large-scale multi-district litigation proceeding.
- Represented third-party health care administrator in putative class action involving approximately 250,000 class members.

Presentations

- "Summary Judgment Tactics: Practice and Procedure"
Louisiana Department of Justice, Litigation Division, Annual CLE Seminar; Baton Rouge, Louisiana, December 2004

Publications

- "Appealing "Partial" Final Judgments under Article 1915(B): First Circuit Adopts its Own Approach"
Around the Bar, June 2004
- "Middle District of Louisiana Makes Changes to Uniform Local Rules"
Around the Bar, January 2003

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Catholic Community Services, Diocese of Baton Rouge (Member, Advisory Board)
- Federal Bar Association, Baton Rouge Chapter (Past Vice President, 2002–2003; Past President-Elect, 2003–2004; Past President, 2004–2005; Past National Delegate, 2005–2006)
- Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel
- Louisiana State Bar Association
- The Wex S. Malone American Inn of Court

Court Admissions

5th Cir., 1999

E.D. La., 1999

M.D. La., 1999

W.D. La., 1999
