

Snell & Wilmer



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Main Bio

David Hansen concentrates his practice on defending companies against product liability, negligence, and general liability claims in state and federal courts, involving catastrophic injuries and wrongful death allegations. He represents clients from a wide array of industries, including automobile, motorcycle, off-road vehicle and watercraft manufacturers; amusement parks; film studios and live entertainment producers.

David also has experience defending consumer product manufacturers in class action litigation and representing construction industry professionals in cases involving alleged construction and building product defects, including manufacturers of air conditioning units, water heaters and boilers, and building wrap products.

Representative Experience

- Defended domestic and foreign automotive manufacturers and suppliers against catastrophic injury claims related to rollover accidents, crashworthiness, airbag performance, post-collision fires, seatbelts, seatback performance, and occupant protection systems
- Defended multinational amusement park in case involving alleged catastrophic brain injury and claims related to the design and maintenance of an attraction at the park
- Defended domestic and foreign motorcycle and off-road vehicle manufacturers in actions involving claims related to handling and stability, crashworthiness, and brake system performance
- Defended domestic and foreign personal watercraft manufacturer against claims of product liability and negligent design and warnings
- Defended leading water heater manufacturer against negligence and product liability claims
- Defended multinational mass media and entertainment studio in case involving allegations of fraudulent non-disclosure, negligence, and breach of contract
- Defended leading live entertainment producer in case alleging gross negligence in design and maintenance of racetrack
- Defended automotive manufacturer against allegations of breach of warranty, fraudulent concealment, and Song-Beverly Act (California's Lemon Law) violations
- Defended biogas production plant in case involving breach of contract and construction defect allegations
- Defended lead broadcasting company in case involving claimed vicarious liability and catastrophic injuries

Education

- University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Law (J.D.)
 - Chief Submissions Editor, UCLA Entertainment Law Review
- California State University, Long Beach (B.A., Economics, *cum laude*)

Languages

- Spanish

Professional Memberships & Activities

- Orange County Bar Association
- Association of Business Trial Lawyers - Orange County

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "[Coronavirus Solutions Cause Long-Term Changes to Depositions in California](#)," Author, Snell & Wilmer Product Liability Update (October 16, 2020)
- "[California Supreme Court Clarifies Whether Counsel is Bound by Confidentiality Provisions in Settlement Agreements](#)," Author, Snell & Wilmer Product Liability Update (November 15, 2019)
- "[Collateral Source Rule Not Violated by References to Medical Insurance, Medicare and Social Security](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Product Liability Update (May 14, 2019)
- "[Nearly 50 Million Records Breached in California Since 2012](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (February 26, 2016)

Professional Recognition & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Ones to Watch, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants (2022-2024), Commercial Litigation (2024)
- Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Legal Service, State Bar of California (2015)

Community Involvement

- UC Irvine School of Law, Pro Bono Program, Supervising Attorney (2015-Present)
- High School Mock Trial Competition Attorney Scorekeeper (2014-Present)
- Boys & Girls Club of Cypress, Board of Directors (2009-2011)

Previous Professional Experience

- Alston & Bird LLP, Associate (2017-2018)
- Snell & Wilmer, Associate (2014-2017)
- Snell & Wilmer, Summer Associate (2013)
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Judicial Extern to Hon. Julia W. Brand (2012)

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of California
- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court, All Districts of California