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OVERVIEW

Loren draws on 20 years of experience as a litigator to represent clients, particularly those in the transportation industry, in complex commercial disputes.

With an extensive background in commercial litigation and class action lawsuits, Loren has tried cases to verdict, on appeal, in state and federal court, and before public agencies. His practice includes a wide array of general complex commercial matters, including trade secret cases, class action defense, breach of contract disputes, fraud allegations, shareholder and partner disputes, and investor actions. After a case involving the Carmack Amendment, a federal transportation law, sparked his interest in interstate commerce and the vast share of the economy it represents, Loren began to concentrate a portion of his litigation practice on the transportation, cargo, and logistics sectors.

In addition to his general commercial litigation clients from varying industries, Loren represents motor, rail, air, and ocean carriers; brokers (3PLs); shippers; warehouse operators; freight forwarders; and non-vessel operating common carriers (NVOCCs) in freight loss and damage claims, collection of tariff and transportation charges, transportation contract disputes, cargorelated matters nationally (intrastate and interstate), regulatory guidance, and equipment issues. As his practice in the transportation area has grown, he has taken on national counsel roles with major companies, advising as well on transactions and regulatory questions.

Loren thrives on finding the correct strategy to achieve a win for the client, and he loves wrestling with the immense complexity of transportation and cargo

Industry

Transportation

Services

Class Action Defense
Commercial Litigation
International Trade & Supply Chain
Litigation & Alternative Dispute
Resolution
Rail
Supply Chain Logistics
Truck, Transit, & Ground

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regulations. He's also enthusiastic about the cutting-edge technology transportation clients often employ: Loren values practicing in a sector that's often at the forefront of AI and other developments. He also advises clients on the specific regulatory issues at stake for electric vehicles and autonomous vehicles or "driverless cars."

Known as a tenacious, aggressive advocate, Loren is dedicated to achieving the best results possible, and he prioritizes client communication. He knows many clients are new to litigation and are highly stressed, and he calmly walks them through the process. With an M.B.A. and a solid business background, Loren also ensures that his litigation strategies fit with clients' business needs, providing a practical, business-minded approach to each case.

Experience

- Granted summary judgment on behalf of national transportation broker dismissing all of carrier's claims arguing that any alleged oral or implied contract claims were barred and otherwise preempted under federal law pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 14501 (Federal Aviation Administration Authorization Act of 1994). Custom Stud, Inc. v. Meadow Lark Agency, Inc., 2022 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 134655 (D. Minn. July 29, 2022)
- Obtained dismissal of claims against freight broker on motion to dismiss for contract and negligent hiring. *Pier Drillers, Inc. v. Freight Logistics, Inc.*, 2021 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 258184 (W.D. Okla. Oct. 22, 2021)
- Successfully represented carrier in defense of cargo claim in excess of \$700,000.
- Prevailed in defense of national warehouse operator against claims for breach of contract and conversion.
- Successfully defended warehouse operator sued for over \$2 million in lost profit damages.
- Regularly draft, negotiate, and revise transportation and maritime contracts for Fortune 500 Companies.
- Successfully represented former National Football League players in securities fraud case resulting in multi-million dollar recovery.
- Successfully defended real estate clients in a case of first impression regarding applicability of electronic signatures under the Arizona Electronic Transaction Act.

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Experience

- Obtained dismissal of a company's \$2 million breach of contract lawsuit on summary judgment.
- Achieved dismissal of a corporation's \$725,000 fraudulent conveyance complaint on a motion to dismiss.
- Successfully litigated breach of contract and fraud claims for corporate client defrauded in sale
 of business, resulting in \$620,000 recovery.
- Drafted a winning motion brief for case of first impression in New York involving toxic tort litigation.
- Achieved successful reversal of a lower court's dismissal of \$7 million premise liability case on appeal.
- Involved in successful class actions that resulted in \$7 million and \$10 million in additional consideration for shareholders.
- Participated in successful class action that enjoined \$1.1 billion merger pending the issuance of additional material information to shareholders regarding the merger.
- Successfully represented one of Arizona's largest companies in trade secret litigation.
- Represented a former Arizona Senate President in a Section 1983 action in the 9th Circuit and conducted oral argument before the Court.

Education

- J.D., Hofstra University, Maurice A. Deane School of Law
- M.B.A., Hofstra University, Frank G. Zarb School of Business
- B.S.B.A., University of Arizona

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Admissions

- Arizona
- New York
- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit