



## Matt Powers

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As Co-Chair of the firm's Consumer Class Actions Practice, Matt Powers focuses his practice on products liability and class action defense, and he has extensive experience representing defendants in consumer class actions in California and around the country. Matt also handles complex, multiparty commercial litigation. He has been repeatedly recognized as a "Rising Star" in surveys conducted by the Northern California edition of *Super Lawyers* magazine.

## Experience

### Class Action and Mass Tort

- Defended multinational semiconductor company against a consumer class action related to an alleged security vulnerability.
- Defended major consumer products company against false advertising class actions involving personal care products.
- Defended nationwide hotel chain against consumer fraud class action concerning resort and other fees.
- Defended leading online portal company against class action brought under California's privacy and unfair competition laws.
- Represented major pharmaceutical company in various consumer fraud, unfair competition, and products liability class action and mass tort matters concerning the withdrawal of a prescription drug.
- Defended financial services company in consumer fraud class action litigation involving reverse mortgage products.

## Admissions

### Bar Admissions

California

### Court Admissions

US District Court, Central District of California

US District Court, Northern District of California

US Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

US Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

## Education

University of Texas, J.D.: Order of the Coif; Articles Editor, *Texas Law Review*

University of California, Berkeley, B.A., Physics

- Represented automobile manufacturer in mass action consumer fraud litigation.
- Defended industrial equipment manufacturer against wrongful death claims in product liability action.

### Commercial Litigation

- Defended nationwide homebuilder in eleven-month bench trial involving disputes over accounting for and profitability of real estate development projects in Southern California.
- Represented nationwide homebuilder in malpractice litigation arising out of real estate development project.

## Professional Activities

### Clerkships

- Honorable Will Garwood, US Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, (2000-2001)

### Author

- “‘But For’ Causation in Defective Drug and Toxic Exposure Cases: California’s Form Jury Instruction CACI 430,” *Association of Corporate Counsel’s Summer 2007 Newsletter*
- Annual updates on “Class Actions” in the *California Litigation Review* (2007-present)

### Contributing Editor

- *California Practice Guide: Civil Procedure Before Trial*, The Rutter Group

## Honors & Awards

- Ranked by *Chambers USA* for Product Liability: Consumer Class Actions (2021-2022)
- Named a “Client Service All-Star” by The BTI Consulting Group (2022)
- Recommended by *The Legal 500 US* for Product Liability, Mass Tort, and Class Action: Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices (2017-2021), Product Liability, Mass Tort, and Class Action: Consumer Products (2018-2021), and Product Liability, Mass Tort & Class Action - Defense: Automotive/Transport (2021)