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Dan O'Brien is a partner in the firm's Litigation practice group who focuses on complex commercial litigation matters. He counsels a wide variety of clients on contract disputes, business torts, real estate litigation, banking litigation, class actions, consumer fraud and consumer protection matters, sales and commercial transaction disputes, and corporate litigation. He also handles product liability and general litigation matters. Dan is experienced in prosecuting and defending complex litigation in both state and federal court.

Dan counsels clients through all phases of discovery, pretrial briefing and motion practice, settlement strategy and negotiations, trial preparation and trial. He implements creative and effective litigation strategies aligned with client business objectives and has a proven record of success in achieving dismissals, favorable judgments and advantageous settlements.

EDUCATION

- Washington University School of Law (J.D., 2016)
 - Washington University Law Review (Senior Executive Editor, 2015-2016; Staff Editor, 2014-2015)
 - Scholar in Law Award (scholarship)
 - Award for Excellence in Oral Advocacy
 - CALI Award for Highest Grade: Civil Liberties in Cyberspace Seminar, Fall 2015
- Georgetown University (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2008)
 - Philosophy
 - Social and Political Thought

BACKGROUND

Prior to attending law school, Dan worked as a litigation paralegal in Washington, D.C. for a number of years. During law school, he served as a summer associate at Armstrong Teasdale and completed an internship with the St. Louis County Office of the Prosecuting Attorney.

EXPERIENCE

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Class Action Litigation

Complex Commercial Litigation

Litigation

Product Liability

ADMISSIONS

Missouri

Illinois

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois

Won Class Certification for Plaintiffs in Large IoT Liability Case Against Automotive Manufacturer

Lead counsel for three certified plaintiffs' classes with an estimated 400,000 to 500,000 members, in a case alleging that various cars and trucks suffer from a series of cybersecurity defects that render the vehicles vulnerable to being hacked in a way that would allow hackers to remotely control the vehicles' operational and safety systems, including acceleration, braking, steering and ignition.