



## Brian O'Mara

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### Overview

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Brian O'Mara is the managing partner of DiCello Levitt's San Diego office and a partner in the Las Vegas office. His practice focuses on investigating and prosecuting complex securities, antitrust, and consumer protection litigation in state and federal courts across the United States. Brian also leads the firm's new shareholder matters group, which evaluates new cases, advises institutional clients in connection with lead plaintiff motions, and assists them in securing appointment as lead plaintiff.

Over the past 20 years, Brian has served as lead or co-lead counsel in numerous shareholder, consumer protection, and antitrust actions involving companies in the financial services, technology, pharmaceutical, entertainment and gaming, and telecommunications industries, which have yielded billions of dollars in recoveries. He has helped institutional investors protect their fund investments by securing leadership positions in dozens of securities and antitrust actions and has been responsible for a number of significant trial and appellate court rulings in the securities and antitrust space.

Prior to joining DiCello Levitt, Brian was a partner at a leading complex litigation law firm and served as chief underwriter officer for a global private equity and advisory firm specializing in litigation finance, judgment enforcement, asset recovery, and related strategies serving claimants, law firms and other professional service firms, and businesses across the globe. In this capacity, Brian was responsible for directing the firm's underwriting process for prospective investments and managing the firm's investment portfolio, which included litigation and arbitration disputes in jurisdictions around the world.

Brian has been twice recognized by the American Antitrust Institute's Antitrust Enforcement Awards for the category of Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice for his work in the ISDAfix price-fixing litigation and the EpiPen class action alleging antitrust



and RICO violations. He has also been named a Super Lawyer by *Super Lawyers Magazine* for the past six consecutive years and recognized as a Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyer by *Lawdragon*.

Brian graduated from the University of Kansas with a degree in economics, and he received his law degree from DePaul University College of Law, where he was the recipient of a CALI Excellence for the Future Award in securities regulation. Following graduation, Brian began his legal career serving as the law clerk to the Honorable Jerome M. Polaha in the Second Judicial District Court for the State of Nevada.

## Practice Areas

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ANTITRUST AND COMPETITION LITIGATION

CLASS ACTION LITIGATION

SECURITIES AND FINANCIAL PRODUCTS LITIGATION

## Education

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DePaul University College of Law, J.D.

University of Kansas, B.G.S.

## Representative Matters

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*In re EpiPen Marketing, Sales Practices and Antitrust Litig.* (D. Kan.). \$609 million in class action alleging antitrust and RICO violations.

*Bennett v. Sprint Nextel Corp.* (D. Kan.). Recovered \$131 million in case alleging violations of the federal securities laws.

*In re CIT Grp. Inc. Sec. Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.). Secured \$75 million recovery in case alleging violations of the federal securities laws.

*In re MGM Mirage Sec. Litig.* (D. Nev.). Recovered \$75 million in case alleging violations of the federal securities laws.

*Alaska Elec. Pension Fund v. Bank of Am. Corp.* (S.D.N.Y.). Recovered \$504.5 million in case alleging that fourteen major banks and broker ICAP plc conspired to manipulate the ISDAfix rate, the key interest rate for a broad range of interest rate derivatives and other financial instruments.

*In re SSA Bonds Antitrust Litig.* (S.D.N.Y.). Secured \$95.5 million in case alleging wide-ranging price-fixing and bid-rigging scheme of government bonds.

## Awards & Honors

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500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers, *Lawdragon* (2019-2022, 2024-2026)

Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice, *American Antitrust Institute* (ISDAfix Benchmark Litigation, 2018)

Outstanding Antitrust Litigation Achievement in Private Law Practice, *American Antitrust Institute* (EpiPen Mutidistrict Litigation 2022)

Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, (2016-2022)

## Publications & Presentations

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### Law Review Articles

“Whether Alleging ‘Motive and Opportunity’ Can Satisfy the Heightened Pleading Standards of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: Much Ado About Nothing,” *DePaul Business & Commercial Law Journal*, Vol. 1, Issue 3, Spring 2003

### Presentations

“Best Practices in Securities Litigation and Portfolio Monitoring: Strategies for Risk Management and Legal Compliance,” Public Funds Summit 2025, Opal Group, January 9, 2025

### Publications

Co-author, “How Startup Founders Can Avoid Disputes That Turn Into Lawsuits,” *Bloomberg Law*, December 18, 2025

Contributor, “Arguing Class Actions: In Defense of Defendant Class Actions,” *National Law Journal*, July 2024

Contributor, “Arguing Class Actions: ‘Nuclear Verdicts’ – Opportunistic Alarmism Disguised as Advocacy,” *National Law Journal*, November 2023

## Admissions & Memberships

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### Bar Admissions



California

District of Columbia

Nevada

**Court Admissions**

U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California

U.S. District Court, Central District of California

U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, District of Nevada

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin

**Memberships**

American Bar Association, Member

American Association for Justice (AAJ), Member