

Stuart M. Richter

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Practices

FOCUS: Consumer Finance Litigation

Futures and Derivatives

Litigation

Real Estate Finance and Lending

Industries

Finance and Financial Markets

Education

JD, Pepperdine University School of Law,
summa cum laude

BS, University of Virginia

Bar Admissions

California

Court Admissions

US Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

US District Court, District of Arizona

US District Court, Central District of
California

US District Court, Eastern District of
California

US District Court, Northern District of
California

US District Court, Southern District of
California

For more than 30 years, Stuart Richter has represented financial services firms and other companies in class actions and other complex commercial litigations. He has served as lead counsel in more than 100 class and mass actions and other complex commercial cases in federal and state courts across the country.

Bringing claims to fast resolution

Class action lawsuits present serious threats to defendants. They raise the prospect of prolonged and draining litigation, not to mention the possibility of substantial awards at trial. Stuart focuses his practice on eliminating those threats. He prides himself on being efficient, cutting short claims that otherwise could lag in the courts for years. Whether he does it by negotiating favorable settlements or getting cases dismissed, he is always looking to avoid expensive discovery and litigation battles.

Stuart has particularly deep experience representing banks, credit unions, cash advance companies and other financial services providers in class action lawsuits and other complex commercial litigations. More than 60 financial institutions have relied on his team in cases across the country challenging checking account overdraft fees. In addition to class actions, he uses his knowledge of financial services to represent clients in connection with all types of commercial disputes, including complex cases involving derivative products like interest rate swaps.

Stuart's experience is not limited to the financial services area. He regularly represents clients who sell consumer products and services in class and mass actions. He has represented makers of products ranging from LED light bulbs to high-tech swim suits in lawsuits alleging fraud, false advertising and unfair competition.

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Recognitions

- Super Lawyers
 - Southern California, 2005–2016
- The Legal 500 United States
 - Recommended Attorney, 2018–2019

News

- Katten Praised in The Legal 500 United States 2019 Guide (June 11, 2019)
- Katten Distinguished by *The Legal 500 United States* (June 14, 2018)
- Nineteen Katten Attorneys Recognized in 2016 Southern California *Super Lawyers* List (January 20, 2016)
- Stuart Richter Comments on Rise in Credit Union Overdraft Suits (January 5, 2016)
- Twenty-One Katten Attorneys Recognized as Top Attorneys in Southern California (January 21, 2015)
- Twenty-One Katten Attorneys Recognized on Southern California *Super Lawyers* List (February 10, 2014)
- Twenty-Two Katten Attorneys Included on 2013 Southern California *Super Lawyers* List (January 21, 2013)
- Partner Stuart Richter Quoted in *Daily Journal* Article on Use of Arbitration in Lawsuits Against For-Profit Schools (March 29, 2012)
- Partner Stuart Richter Featured in Law360 Q&A (September 1, 2011)
- Katten Wins Dismissal of Antitrust Suit on Behalf of Speedo (May 2010)

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- Katten Wins Significant Decision on Behalf of Clients Best Buy and HSBC, Preserving Federal Court Access for National Businesses Operating in California (March 4, 2009)

Presentations and Events

- Third Annual CFO Forum (December 5–6, 2018) | *Presenter* | *Emerging Risk*
- 4th Annual CUNA Lending Council CLO Forum (April 11–12, 2017) | *Presenter* | *Is Your Credit Union Litigation Ready?*
- CFSA 14th Annual Meeting and Conference (February 25–28, 2014) | *Panelist* | *Private and Regulatory Litigation: A Look at Class-Action Trends in Consumer Finance*
- Current Major Issues in Consumer Finance – ACH Processing Class Actions: What Banks and Small Lenders Need to Know (November 26, 2013) | *Presenter*
- 16th National Conference on Consumer Finance Class Actions & Litigation (July 29–30, 2013) | *Panelist* | *Defending Against New and Emerging Claims Relating to Credit, Debit, and Prepaid Cards and Bank Add-On Services and Products*
- ACI's 11th Annual Consumer Finance Class Actions & Litigation Conference (July 27–28, 2011) | *Panelist* | *Class Action Developments: What Recent Cases and Pending Policy Changes Mean for Your Litigation, Investigation and Settlement Strategies*