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Practices

FOCUS: Class Action/Consumer Finance
Litigation

Financial Markets Litigation and
Enforcement

Litigation

Real Estate Litigation

Education

JD, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles

BS, The University of Southern California

Bar Admissions

California

Court Admissions

US District Court, Central District of
California

US Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

US District Court, Eastern District of
California

US District Court, Northern District of
California

US District Court, Southern District of
California

All consumer-facing businesses face an inherent risk of class action litigation. Gregory Korman manages that risk for his clients — and, when push comes to shove, defends them in court. He is one of the nation's leading class action defense attorneys, with more than two decades of class action experience and a particular focus on consumer financial services. He also advises on issues relating to state and federal consumer protection laws.

Honest risk assessment in class action litigation

Greg represents a variety of defendants in high-profile class action and consumer fraud lawsuits, including banks, credit unions, food manufacturers, national retailers and celebrities. Using his accumulated knowledge of such cases, he honestly communicates with clients about the risk they face in any given situation. Then, using his clients' business goals as a guide, he identifies the best solution. With his approach, Greg has established a track record of consistently resolving class actions with speed and efficiency.

Greg often defends consumer class actions involving financial products such as credit cards and mortgages. Auto finance lenders have repeatedly sought him out defend class claims alleging deficient consumer repossession notices. Despite the tendency of such cases to settle based on the complex web of state laws and the likelihood that juries will rule against defendants, his clients often prevail in these cases through successful motions.

In addition to his class action work, Greg represents clients in select, high-stakes matters critical to their commercial success. He represents national real estate developers in development-related litigation, and in one billion-dollar case defeated requests for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction that would have halted a major redevelopment. While he brings many cases to quick conclusions, Greg has also tried cases to verdict in both state and federal court.

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Representative Experience

- Represented manufacturer of instant ramen product in nationwide class action challenging the presence of trans fats. The court dismissed plaintiff's product labeling and public nuisance claims at the outset, then ordered expedited limited discovery on the issue of Article III standing. After we submitted the results of that discovery and conducted further briefing, the court dismissed the case with prejudice.
- Represented two of the largest banking institutions in nationwide class action alleging improper application of minimum credit card payments in violation of the CARD Act. The court dismissed all claims against both defendants based on the legality of the clients' practices in light of guidance from the Federal Reserve Board and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.
- Represented large US financial institution in class action asserting that client's post-repossession automobile loan notices did not sufficiently disclose fees required to reinstate said loans. The court granted summary judgment on all but one claim, and denied class certification as to the remaining claim.
- Represented professional athlete in a pair of proposed class action lawsuits arising from public disclosure of client's use of performance-enhancing substances. The claims in the first action, brought by consumers of energy supplements for which the client served as spokesperson, were dismissed because allegations were mere puffery and no reasonable person would be misled by the advertising statements. The claims in the second action, brought by purchasers of client's autobiographies, were dismissed pursuant to California's Anti-SLAPP statute because the statements in the books, even if false, were protected free speech under the First Amendment.

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Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- Law360
 - Consumer Protection Rising Star, 2014
- Super Lawyers Rising Stars
 - Southern California, 2009–2016
- The Legal 500 United States
 - Recommended Attorney, 2020–2021

News

- Katten Receives High Marks in Derivatives, M&A and Securitization in The Legal 500 United States 2021 Guide (June 10, 2021)
- Katten Named Top-Tier Firm in Structured Finance and Securitization by The Legal 500 United States 2020 Guide (June 16, 2020)
- Katten Attorneys Named Southern California *Super Lawyers* Rising Stars (June 6, 2016)
- Twelve Katten Attorneys Recognized in the 2015 Southern California *Super Lawyers* Rising Stars List (June 8, 2015)
- Twelve Katten Attorneys Named to 2014 Southern California *Super Lawyers Rising Stars* List (June 6, 2014)
- Partner Gregory Korman Named Law360 Rising Star for 2014 (April 16, 2014)
- Katten Obtains Dismissal for Lance Armstrong in False Advertising Suit (March 27, 2014)

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- Katten Obtains Favorable Ruling for Lance Armstrong in Book Lawsuit (September 16, 2013)
- Katten's Representation of Lance Armstrong in Class Action Suit Noted in Law360 (July 10, 2013)
- Katten Wins Dismissal of Antitrust Suit on Behalf of Speedo (May 2010)
- Katten Names Four New Partners (May 8, 2009)
- 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)
- Katten Muchin Rosenman Announces Recipients of Seventh Annual *Pro Bono* Service Awards (July 25, 2006)

Presentations and Events

- Spotting Potential Class Action Risk (February 13, 2020) | *Speaker*
- 51st Annual Litigation Seminar (November 1, 2018) | *Panelist* | *Appraisal Arbitration and Mediation*
- American Conference Institute's 26th National Conference on Consumer Finance Class Actions & Litigation (July 28, 2016) | *Panelist* | *Consumer Finance Class Action Litigation and Settlement Trends and New and Emerging Procedural Considerations: Certification, Class Ascertainability Issues, and Other Procedural Developments, New Cases, Emerging Theories of Liability, and Recent Developments in Settlement Strategies*
- 16th National Conference on Consumer Finance Class Actions & Litigation (July 29–30, 2013) | *Moderator* | *How Corporate Counsel are Managing Consumer Finance Claims/Class Actions and Compliance Challenges*
- Consumer Credit Reports In A Don't Ask, Don't Tell World: Latest Developments In Fair Credit Reporting Act Litigation (2013) | *Presenter*