



Ben Manne

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Overview

Ben Manne represents plaintiffs and defendants in litigation in state and federal courts across a range of industries. His practice spans environmental class actions, intellectual property disputes, and complex commercial litigation. Mr. Manne has played a role in some of the firm's most impactful matters, including mass torts involving contaminated water supplies, fraud cases in large-scale construction projects, and disputes over cutting-edge technologies.

Mr. Manne is particularly experienced in complex discovery, expert coordination, and managing large litigation teams across multi-year, high-value cases.

Below are a few of Mr. Manne's notable matters.

- **Environmental Litigation**

- Helped secure a \$600 million+ dollar settlement with the State of Michigan and City of Flint on behalf of residents exposed to lead-contaminated water. Public Justice recognized the Susman Godfrey team as a Finalist for Trial Attorney of the Year in 2022 based on their work in this massive action.
- Represents a class of North Carolina residents in a pending class action against DuPont and Chemours related to decades of toxic PFAS discharges into the Cape Fear River basin

- **Business Disputes**

- Defends an oil & gas producer in an ongoing dispute brought by landowners over the status and terms of oil and gas leases. The case raises complex questions of lease interpretation and property rights in the energy sector.

- Contributed to securing a \$1.6 billion judgment on behalf of BML Properties in a fraud lawsuit against China Construction America Inc. The case involved misrepresentations and contract breaches during the development of the Baha Mar resort in the Bahamas.
- Represents a class of consumers alleging that several Atlantic City casino hotels engaged in a price-fixing scheme by sharing sensitive pricing information through a common data platform, leading to inflated room rates. The case involves complex antitrust issues related to the use of shared algorithms and data exchange among competitors.
- **Intellectual Property**
 - Represented a major Seattle-area hospital in a dispute over the licensing of a researcher's intellectual property to a biopharmaceutical company.
 - Represented a tax software company in a trade secrets case involving a former employee accused of misappropriation.
 - Represents a real estate technology company in ongoing patent litigation against an adult video-sharing website alleging infringement of patents related to online video-based commerce systems. The case is pending in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.
 - Represents a producer of smart-home products in ongoing patent litigation against Apple concerning the iPhone's Back Tap feature, alleging infringement of patented technology that allows users to tap the back of their device to perform functions.
- **Personal Injury Litigation**
 - Assists in the defense of numerous wrongful death and catastrophic injury suits against a national retailer involving parking lot pedestrian incidents.
- **Pro Bono**
 - Represented a Congolese asylum seeker in their petition for protection in the United States.

Education

The University of Texas School of Law (J.D.,)

Lewis & Clark College (A.B., Political Science,)

Admissions

Bar Admissions

- Washington

Languages

Swahili