

# Nick Spear Named a Litigation Trailblazer by National Law Journal

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Nick Spear has been named a Litigation Trailblazer by the *National Law Journal* in its 2021 compilation of lawyers who have, “taken extra measures to contribute to positive outcomes” and who are, “true agents of change.” Spear is the only Associate named to this year’s list.

Spear is often at the forefront of the nation’s most watched cases. In 2020’s, *State of California, On the Go Wireless v. CELLCO Partnership*, Spear served as co-lead counsel to a whistleblower and some of the largest political subdivisions in California in a ground-breaking California False Claims Act lawsuit against wireless carriers AT&T, Sprint, Verizon, T-Mobile and a related suit in Nevada. The whistleblower alleged that the carriers fraudulently overbilled the government for wireless services by failing to provide contractually required “lowest cost available” service by means of “optimization reports.” Spear and his team secured deals with the four telecommunication giants valued at \$175 million. These record-setting settlements are among the largest of their kind in California.

Spear is also a leader in the litigation aimed at protecting policyholders from improper insurance charges by many of the nation’s largest insurers, including Voya, Lincoln Life, North American, Genworth, Phoenix, and John Hancock.

This honor comes on the heels of Spear being named a Rising Star of the Plaintiffs Bar by *National Law Journal*’s Elite Trial Lawyers and a Southern California Rising Star by Super Lawyers

Read Spear’s interview with NLJ [here](#) (page 11).