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Areas of Practice:

Automobile Liability Defense

Commercial Law

General Civil Litigation Product Liability Defense Transportation Defense

Wrongful Death & Personal Injury Defense

**Industries Served:** 

Insurance Manufacturers Retail & Hospitality Transportation

Nate Stuart focuses his practice in matters involving product liability, insurance bad faith, UM/UIM issues, catastrophic injury, breach of contract, commercial litigation, construction defect, and professional liability. He has successfully defended applications for injunctive relief and represented clients on appeal. Before joining JSH, Nate gained significant defense experience in all phases of complex commercial litigation and insurance defense, including motion practice, written discovery and depositions. He also handled several cases involving permit applications for cannabis dispensaries with the state.

Born and raised in Iowa, Nate earned his law degree from the University of Iowa College of Law, becoming the sixth generation of his family to practice law. During law school, he served as an extern for Chief Magistrate Judge Celeste F. Bremer at the United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa and volunteered with the Innocence Project of Iowa. Nate also attended ASU's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law as a visiting student and was a member of ASU College of Law Rainmakers a mentoring program with practicing attorneys. Nate graduated from law school a semester early and was admitted to the Arizona Bar in 2015.

After graduating from the University of Iowa Henry B. Tippie School of Business, Nate relocated to Arizona to work with a leading global provider of indemand, skilled professionals in the growing technology, life sciences, and creative sectors.

In his free time, Nate enjoys watching University of Iowa football games, playing golf, and completing home improvement projects.

#### REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Obtained dismissal in a products liability case involving gym equipment and over \$200,000 in alleged damages. Plaintiff sued Defendant, the supplier of raw cable that was incorporated into a piece of gym equipment, when the cable broke and Plaintiff was injured. Defense argued that Plaintiff could not prove negligence for design defect because the equipment manufacturer tested the cable pursuant to ANSI before incorporating into their equipment. Additionally, Plaintiff could not demonstrate a manufacturing defect because the subject cable was not preserved. Plaintiff agreed to dismiss before filing a response to Defendant's MSJ.
- · Secured dismissal in personal injury and products liability case involving a Chinese counterfeit vaping device. Plaintiff filed suit against Defendant manufacturer of vaping devices after a device exploded and severed one of Plaintiff's fingers. Defense obtained the dismissal of client by proving the subject vaping device was a Chinese counterfeit and not the Defendant's product.

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Maricopa County Bar Association, Member, 2015-Present
- Young Lawyer's Division, Member, 2015-Present
- · Arizona Association of Defense Counsel, Member, 2018-Present
- Arizona Cannabis Bar Association, Member, 2018-Present
- National Cannabis Bar Association, Member, 2018-Present
- · Phoenix Iowa Club, Board of Directors, 2018

#### **PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION & AWARDS**

• Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch, Insurance Law, 2024



# **EDUCATION**

University of Iowa College of Law, J.D., 2014 Phi Kappa Phi Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, visiting student, Fall 2014 University of Iowa Henry B. Tipple School of Business, B.S. 2004 Academic Recognition, Introduction to Financial Accounting Academic Recognition, Introduction to Managerial Accounting

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Arizona, 2015 U.S. District Court of Arizona, 2015