

National Trial Team

Practices & Sectors

Commercial Litigation

Labor & Employment

Complex
Discrimination
Litigation

Employment Litigation

ERISA & Employee
Benefits Litigation

Wage & Hour
Litigation

Intellectual Property

Trade Secrets,
Computer Fraud &
Non-Competes

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Winning For Our Clients

When an impending trial looms, it is more critical than ever for companies to partner with legal counsel who have a proven track record of trial success. Today's businesses operate in a complex legal environment and face changing financial and market dynamics. Without the right team in place, trial costs skyrocket, risks increase exponentially, and courtroom strategies may fail. Seyfarth's National Trial Team has an extensive record of achieving successful outcomes and meeting client expectations.

We bring keen strategic insights and innovative ideas to all types of employment and commercial litigation. Our approach is proactive and unrelenting as we develop strategies in collaboration with our clients that prioritize their objectives and their definition of success at trial.

In addition to our trial experience, Seyfarth knows how to effectively manage significant and complex cases. Our right-sized staffing models help you achieve your objectives for any given case and put forward the most persuasive argument at trial. A suite of cutting-edge technology solutions enable us to collaborate closely with our clients, manage litigation budgets and efficiently communicate with in-house and outside counsel teams. We pride ourselves on seamless collaboration with clients at every stage of the case.

First-Chair Experience

Our National Trial Team has significant experience leading cases involving a wide variety of claims, substantive laws and fact patterns. We represent clients of all sizes at trials across virtually every industry including the retail, hospitality, pharmaceutical, financial services, manufacturing and high-tech industries. Our Trial Team members have tried cases involving:

- Employment class and collective actions (complex discrimination, wage and hour, ERISA litigation)
- Single- and multi-plaintiff employment (discrimination and harassment, wage and hour, safety/OSHA)
- Intellectual property (patent, trademark and copyright)
- Franchise, dealer and distributor disputes
- Complex corporate transaction disputes (contract disputes, business torts and unfair trade, breach of fiduciary duty, shareholder and director disputes)
- Trade secrets and unfair competition

For more information on our trial capabilities in these substantive areas of law, please follow the links below:

[Commercial Litigation Experience](#)

[Employment Litigation Experience](#)

Takeover & Collaborating Counsel

Many lawyers and law firms are adept at handling litigation, but trial work is a true specialty. Few cases go to trial, so a change of counsel may be warranted after settlement discussions fail or the court denies summary judgment. Whether clients hire us at the very beginning of the case or in the pre-trial phase, Seyfarth quickly pulls together the most qualified team of trial lawyers to successfully try the case to our clients' satisfaction.

Our National Trial Team also has often been asked to work collaboratively with the case team from another firm. We collaborate on strategy and, depending on the wishes of the client, may help try the case or support the trial team. Some clients even ask us to serve as “strategic counsel,” to lend another set of eyes to the facts and law as the case is prepared. Our extraordinary jury trial track record makes us the perfect team member.

Best Practice Trial Infrastructure

The National Trial Team’s breadth of experience keeps all members up to speed with the latest knowledge and intelligence we need to deliver state-of-the-art representation to our clients. Trial Team members share insights on particular judges and venues, track the latest and best trial management and presentation technologies, and develop new trial strategies, tactics and practices. The National Trial Team also maintains valuable internal databases containing motions in limine, jury instructions and pre-trial orders.

Supporting our National Trial Team, Seyfarth maintains an infrastructure every bit as cutting-edge as our attorneys. Our Litigation Support and Project Management functions focus on assisting our attorneys and clients in using the latest technology for discovery, production and trial needs. We use industry-leading tools for eDiscovery and data management, such as Discovery Cracker, Ringtail, CaseMap, TextMap and LiveNote. SeyfarthLink is a secure extranet that helps us manage and share with clients a wide range of litigation-related documents. In addition, Seyfarth is one of the few law firms with a dedicated eDiscovery practice group. This nationally known team of attorneys regularly collaborates with our trial lawyers to achieve optimal results for clients. The team includes licensed forensic examiners who regularly counsel our attorneys in all the litigation and trials we handle.