



Leading Class Action Litigator Moves to Shook

San Francisco

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SAN FRANCISCO (September 6, 2018) Prominent class action attorney Andrew J. Trask has joined forces with litigation powerhouse Shook, Hardy & Bacon. Trask, who has defended more than 100 class actions, will focus on representing product manufacturers and sellers, among others, in class litigation. He moves to Shook from McGuireWoods, where he served as Co-Chair of McGuireWoods’s Class Action Group.

“My goal is to dispose of class actions early and, if they progress, to not only win on the merits but to keep a case from becoming a giant class action. More companies are at risk than ever before,” said Trask about class action lawsuits.

Trask has long been an authority and thought leader in class actions. He has co-authored several books on class actions, including “The Class Action Playbook,” published by LexisNexis, and “Betting the Company: Complex Negotiation Strategies in Law & Business,” published by Oxford University Press. At McGuireWoods, he maintained the Class Action Countermeasures blog, which discussed the strategic considerations involved in class action defense.

“Shook is at the forefront of representing products manufacturers and sellers,” said Shook Chair Madeleine McDonough. “Andrew is a dynamic addition to our Class Action team and expands our deep bench of lawyers, who field almost every type of alleged product defect and consumer fraud claim. It’s a great match.”

Trask’s national class action experience includes products liability and consumer fraud cases. He has also defended class actions involving telecommunications products, business contracts, securities, ERISA, the U.S. antitrust laws, and environmental claims, among others. In addition to his class action practice, he has

defended mass tort cases involving financial regulations, patent misuse cases, and government investigations, as well as breach of privacy cases.

“In particular, privacy and data-related breaches can affect just about any business, whether a manufacturer, retailer or financial institution,” said Trask.

San Francisco Office Managing Partner, Amir Nassihi, commented that “We are very excited to be adding such a prominent class action litigator. Andy’s very well-known nationally for his strategic thinking and class litigation expertise, and he strengthens our already deep class action litigation practice. Andy is already working with our Class Action Group Co-Chairs, Tristan Duncan and Holly Smith on swiftly integrating his practice here.”

“Shook’s reputation and performance as a major player in the class action arena was the primary driver for me to join the firm,” said Trask. “Over the years, I have also been consistently impressed with many Shook class action attorneys, including Amir Nassihi, as they have defended cases I have been involved in. I’m really excited to be here.”

Trask earned his law degree from the University of Chicago Law School and his BA from the University of Chicago. He is admitted in California and the District of Columbia.

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