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PRACTICE EMPHASIS

- Class Actions
- Environmental Litigation
- Financial Products & Services
- Institutional Investors
- Mortgage Put-Back Litigation
- Securities

EDUCATION

University of California at Berkeley

B.A., History and Biology, *High Distinction*, 1998

Yale Law School

J.D., 2003

University of Cambridge (UK)

LL.M., International Law, *First Class Honors*, 2007

Dean Kawamoto understands complex cases. Dean practices in the firm's nationally recognized Complex Litigation Group with a focus on financial services and securities law. His experience with complicated financial transactions, sophisticated institutional clients, and large-scale discovery makes him highly qualified to litigate high-stakes cases involving complex issues and significant damages.

Dean is currently part of the litigation team representing several of the Federal Home Loan Banks in litigation against dozens of issuers, underwriters, and sponsors of private label mortgage-backed securities worth \$13 billion. He was also part of the trial team that successfully objected to the \$8.5 billion settlement between Bank of New York Mellon and Bank of America over Countrywide's massive mortgage liabilities. The argument developed and presented by Keller Rohrbach during the course of the trial was the only objection sustained to the settlement. Dean also represents institutional investors in connection with litigation over LIBOR. In addition to financial services and securities litigation, Dean has experience litigating cases involving consumer protection, product liability, environmental law, professional liability, and the First Amendment.

Dean also has an extensive background in environmental law. Dean has performed climate change research in the Arctic Tundra. He has worked for the United States Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, where he was in charge of issues relating to water pollution and the Clean Water Act. During law school, he was a research assistant and teaching assistant to Professor Daniel Esty, the former Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Dean also served as an adjunct instructor in environmental law and policy for the University of Southern California.

Before joining the firm, Dean practiced with Boies, Schiller & Flexner in Washington, D.C., and Munger, Tolles & Olson in Los Angeles. He also served as a clerk for the Honorable Wm. Matthew Byrne, U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California, and was previously a Professional Staff Member on the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works and a Legislative Aide to Senator Lincoln D. Chafee of Rhode Island.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

2004, California

2009, District of Columbia

2011, Washington

2004, U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

2015, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

2015, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California

2015, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington

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PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Washington State Bar Association, *Member*

State Bar of California, *Member*

District of Columbia Bar, *Member*

American Bar Association, *Member*

HONORS & AWARDS

Selected to Rising Stars list in *Super Lawyers – Washington*,
2014-2015

Recipient of the Clifford Chance C.J. Hamson Prize for
thesis on class actions

John Gardner Public Service Fellow

Recipient of the Departmental Citation for Integrative
Biology (awarded to the top graduate in the major)