

Nafiz Cekirge

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Financial institutions turn to Nafiz Cekirge for assistance with their most challenging cases. Nafiz has particular experience defending mortgage originators and servicers in consumer mass actions. He has served as lead counsel in more than 200 mortgage mass actions in state and federal courts throughout the country. He obtained favorable results for his clients in all of these cases, with almost all being disposed of at the pleadings stage.



Nafiz gained national recognition in the mortgage mass action area for his novel use of the Class Action Fairness Act (“CAFA”) to remove many of these mass actions to federal court. Nafiz briefed numerous issues of first impression relating to CAFA’s mass action provisions, which resulted in a body of law favorable to the lending industry. In addition to his mass action work, having practiced in the financial services area for over a decade, including through the challenging days of the 2008 financial crisis, Nafiz has deep experience in virtually any legal or regulatory issue that might face a financial institution. Financial institutions rely on Nafiz not only for his skill as a litigator but also his thoughtfulness in managing the reputational risk that inevitably accompanies the challenging cases he handles.

Outside the financial services area, Nafiz also has significant experience in complex products liability, tort, and white collar cases. By way of example, he has defended a mortgage bank in a high-profile case involving a fire at a foreclosed property in Oakland, California that claimed several lives. He has represented clients in products liability cases involving allegedly defective computer parts and genetically modified food products. And he has represented high net worth individuals in governmental investigations of large offshore asset protection devices, foreign nationals in alleged international money laundering schemes, and foreign nationals in alleged international sweepstakes schemes.

As a Turkish-American attorney, Nafiz’s native proficiency in both Turkish and English, as well as his understanding of both Turkish and American cultural and commercial norms, makes him a particularly effective advocate for Turkish clients with legal needs in the United States.

EXPERIENCE

Representative Engagements

- Lead national counsel for major U.S. bank in mass actions brought by consumers.
- Represent financial institution in a high-profile case arising out of a fire at a foreclosed property in Oakland, California that claimed several lives.
- Represent high net worth individuals in tax and securities fraud investigation that lasted over six years and had connections to multiple jurisdictions, including the United States, the Cayman Islands, and the Isle of Man.
- Represent foreign national in an alleged international sweepstakes scheme.

- Represent foreign national in an alleged international money laundering scheme.
- Represent computer manufacturer in connection with allegedly defective computer parts.
- Represent biotech company with respect to genetically modified corn that allegedly entered the food source without regulatory approval.
- Brief issues relating to voter suppression before the United States Supreme Court.

CREDENTIALS

Education

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, J.D., 1999, *cum laude*, *Order of the Coif*
Columbia University, B.A., 1997

Bar Admissions

New York
California
U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

Languages Spoken & Fluency

Turkish, Native