



Ashan K. Peiris

Of Counsel

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Ashan Peiris has defended complex litigation in state and federal courts for more than 10 years. His complex tort liability practice focuses largely in the area of product defect, and includes professional malpractice and premises liability as well.

Prior to joining Wilson Elser in 2017, Ashan worked at a Pasadena-based business law firm. During that time, he served as a high school debate coach at Loyola High School in Los Angeles. He coached his students to regional and national successes, and many have gone on to become successful lawyers. Ashan brings this same level of mentorship and counsel to his colleagues and his clients.

Product Liability

Ashan has broad experience defending product liability matters involving products manufactured in the United States and abroad, such as automobile component parts, implantable medical devices, home appliances and cellular phones. Ashan has defended matters as minor as low-value subrogation cases in state court to major class-action matters in federal court.

Ashan advises client product designers and manufacturers on strategies to limit litigation in the future. He has counseled clients on alternative designs and product modifications to mitigate risks of personal injury and property damage. He also works with clients to strengthen or broaden the language in their product warnings to adequately warn consumers of the risks associated with their use.

Professional Malpractice

Ashan has defended accountants, insurance brokers and real estate brokers in malpractice cases. He provides direct defense for professionals on individual cases in courts, before regulatory bodies or in arbitrations and mediations.

Services

- Appellate
- Commercial Litigation
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance
- Professional Liability & Services

Premises Liability

Ashan defends residential and commercial property owners as well as third-party vendors in premises liability actions. Mindful of the increasing economic pressures under which our clients conduct their businesses, he is committed to resolving claims quickly and efficiently. Wilson Elser practice attorneys regularly access centralized resources and firmwide talent, a potent collaboration that frequently spawns innovative and cost-effective resolution of our clients' most complex legal issues.

Education

- University of California, Davis School of Law (J.D., 2013)
- University of California, Los Angeles (B.A., 2007)

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Central District of California

Professional Affiliations

- Los Angeles County Bar Association

Awards & Honors

Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America® Ones to Watch™*, 2026

Languages

- German
- Sinhala

Representative Matters

Product Liability

Obtained summary judgment in favor of a client manufacturer of water filters in a coordinated complex tort matter involving in excess of 200 plaintiffs with an exposure of more than \$100 million.

Obtained a dismissal for lack of personal jurisdiction in a matter involving a foreign manufacturer of automobile component parts. Defense of that state court matter required coordination with the parties and counsel in a multidistrict, federal litigation involving the client and other automobile manufacturers. He regularly obtains favorable settlements in smaller product matters.

Professional Liability

Obtained a dismissal with prejudice on demurrer in favor of client accountants.

Obtained summary judgment in favor of client insurance brokers in a negligent misrepresentation action.

Assisted in the trial preparation and practice that was crucial to obtaining a complete defense verdict in a real estate broker malpractice matter with an exposure of more than \$10 million.

Premises Liability

Obtained summary judgment in favor of a mall owner in a personal injury matter involving the use of recreational vehicles on mall premises. When that summary judgment was appealed, successfully briefed and argued that the judgment should be affirmed.

Obtained summary judgment in favor of a security guard company for claims arising out of a dangerous condition on the premises of a mall that was serviced by the company.