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**Nick Begakis** is Senior Counsel with Ellis George Cipollone O'Brien Annaguey LLP's Los Angeles office. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Begakis was an associate in the Litigation practice of Paul Hastings where he was a member of Complex Litigation and Trial practice. His practice focuses on complex civil and criminal litigation, including consumer class actions, business torts, product liability defense, environmental litigation, real estate litigation, and white collar defense.

Mr. Begakis served as an extern to the Hon. Marvin Baxter of the California Supreme Court.

### Education

- UC Hastings, College of the Law, J.D.
- University of California, Los Angeles, B.A.

### Bar Admissions

- California

### Recent Representations

- Represents utility in litigation related to puncture of natural gas transmission lines resulting in fatality, catastrophic injury and significant property damage. Successfully obtained temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction against excavation company.
- Led a team representing a snack food manufacturer in nationwide consumer class action. Prevailed on a bifurcated bench trial, defeated class certification, and negotiated a dismissal of all claims without any payment to plaintiff.
- Led a trial team in the pro bono representation of an inmate who suffered a catastrophic injury while incarcerated. Negotiated a favorable resolution during jury deliberations.

### Accolades

- Selected to the Southern California Super Lawyers "Rising Stars" list, 2015-2020
- Received the ACLU Humanitarian Award, 2010

### Practice Areas

- Class Actions
- Complex Litigation and Arbitration
- Investigations and White Collar Defense
- Litigation