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### PRACTICES

Constitutional Law

Law Enforcement Defense  
Litigation

Public Law

### EDUCATION

J.D., Boston University School of  
Law, 2002

M.A., Political Science, Case  
Western Reserve University,  
1999

B.A., Political Science and  
Economics, Case Western  
Reserve University, 1999

### ADMISSION

State Bar of California

United States Court of Appeals  
for the Ninth Circuit

United States District Court for  
the Central District of California

United States District Court for  
the Eastern District of California

United States District Court for  
the Northern District of  
California

United States District Court for  
the Southern District of  
California

Nathan Oyster's practice at Burke focuses on two main areas: He defends law enforcement officers and local governments in civil rights litigation, and he provides guidance to law enforcement agencies on the implementation of policies that reduce the likelihood of litigation.

Nathan's litigation experience is extensive, and he currently serves as the lead police litigator for the cities of Alhambra and Hemet, in addition to his work as outside counsel for agencies throughout the state. He has tried cases in both state and federal court, with his first jury trial coming at age 24. He has also argued before both the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the California Court of Appeal. Nathan has defended nearly every type of police litigation that an agency could face, including officer-involved shootings, deaths due to excited delirium, class action litigation, malicious prosecution claims, allegations of excessive force, and allegations of unconstitutional jail conditions. He is adept at defending litigation brought under Section 1983, the Unruh Act, the Ralph Act, and the Bane Act.

Since joining Burke, Nathan has added advisory work to his litigation practice. Nathan advises law enforcement agencies throughout the state on a variety of policy issues. Nathan is particularly focused on issues pertaining to police body-worn cameras, and he has lectured on that topic in multiple venues. Representative clients include the cities of Alhambra, Cathedral City, Culver City, Delano, Hemet, Rohnert Park, South Lake Tahoe, and St. Helena.

