

Philip Tankovich

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Philip Tankovich is a multi-faceted attorney with litigation experience both in front of and as part of the court. His expertise includes [complex civil](#) and [commercial litigation](#), [intellectual property law](#), and federal criminal law.

Having served as private counsel to both plaintiffs and defendants, a federal prosecutor to the United States, and a law clerk to a federal judge, Philip pursues litigation by anticipating the opposing party's arguments and effectively convincing the court of his client's position.

Philip has a proven track record at trial. As a former federal prosecutor, he won all five cases that he took to trial, and if the case didn't go to trial, he led investigations with an array of federal law enforcement agencies to successfully negotiate plea agreements. He provided training to multiple federal law enforcement agencies to refine their evidence-gathering abilities and bolster the prosecution's success at trial. As a result, he thoroughly understands the techniques used by the U.S. Attorney's Office and the various federal law enforcement agencies to pursue convictions. Philip now uses this knowledge to defend clients who are subject to investigations by the federal government.

Prior to joining Larson, Philip served as a law clerk for a federal district judge, where he gained insight into the mechanics of federal court and the inner workings of a judge's decision-making process. As a result, he has a second-nature understanding of which arguments are effective and convincing before the court, which he uses to effectively and economically convey his client's position. Having tackled intellectual property matters and complex civil and commercial litigation, as both counsel and law clerk, Philip is able to litigate these cases in an efficient manner.

Outside of practicing law, Philip spends his time traveling across remote locations (67 countries and counting) or surfing the biggest waves he can find. Most recently, he drove across Africa in a 4x4 by himself and found perfect waves in a small fishing village off the coast of Mozambique.

Higher Education Honors and Achievements

- Boston University, Dean's Merit Scholarship
- University of California, Irvine School of Law, International Law Society, *President*
- Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court, *Competitor*
- United Nations Human Rights Special Procedures, *Published Contributor*



EDUCATION

- University of California, Irvine School of Law, J.D.
- Boston University, B.A.

ADMISSIONS

- California
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (pending)
- U.S.D.C Central District of California (pending)
- U.S.D.C Eastern District of California
- U.S.D.C Southern District of California

CLERKSHIPS

- Hon. Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood
U.S.D.C for the District of Guam

PRACTICE AREAS

- Complex Civil Litigation
- Commercial Litigation

Philip's Associations

- Federal Bar Association

- Intellectual Property and Patent Litigation
- White Collar Defense and Government Investigations