



HUESTON HENNIGAN

2018 Year in Review

February 2019

“Go-to firm
for bet-
the-farm
litigation”

—Chambers and Partners

“Hueston Hennigan is becoming the firm to beat. They are dynamic and engaged, and they have invigorated and re-shaped the landscape, whether others realize it or not. And they have a lot of mileage to go ahead of them.”

– *Benchmark Litigation*

In January 2015, we took a leap of faith to leave big law practice and start a new venture focused on crafting creative and often disruptive approaches to litigating and trying cases. Approximately 30 talented professionals and a roster of prestigious clients, including T-Mobile, GlaxoSmithKline, and Waste Management, joined us on that journey.

Four years on, we have grown to approximately 50 lawyers and are garnering results in high-profile, precedent-setting work for clients ranging from Tesla and SpaceX to Southern California Edison, PwC, Taco Bell, The Walt Disney Company, and the Navajo Nation.

The diverse group of lawyers whom we annually recruit from the best law schools and clerkships have been essential to our success. We train them intensely in trial advocacy, with a goal of participating in two trials within the first two years.

Included in this report are highlights from our year: a selection of our work, cutting across practices and sectors; the national accolades we have received; and a brief overview of the incredible talent we welcomed in 2018.

As we approach our five-year anniversary, our future is bright, and we look forward to surpassing our clients’ expectations by disrupting the status quo and achieving exemplary results in the most important matters.



Brian J. Hennigan



John C. Hueston

Representative Clients

- Activision Publishing, Inc.
- Allergan, Inc.
- Amgen, Inc.
- Bausch Health Companies
- California Institute of Technology
- CBS Corporation
- CoreLogic, Inc.
- Deloitte
- Edison International
- Electronic Arts, Inc.
- The Irvine Company
- Lions Gate Films Inc.
- Monster Energy
- Navajo Nation
- Nutraceutical Corp.
- Peloton Interactive, Inc.
- PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
- Qualcomm, Inc.
- Showtime Networks, Inc.
- Sorrento Therapeutics, Inc.
- Taco Bell
- Tesla, Inc.
- T-Mobile USA Inc.
- Walt Disney Company
- Waste Management, Inc.
- Western Digital Corporation
- Yum! Brands

2018 By the Numbers

1 Supreme Court
Argument

100 Percent Trial Win
Track Record
Since Founding

36 New
Clients

15 Distinct Practice
Areas

11 Associates
Joined in 2018

55 Percent of 2018
Associate Class
Completed
Clerkships

52 Percent of
Lawyers Are
Diverse

16 New Pro Bono
Matters

15 Attorneys
Recognized for
Client Advocacy

2 Recognitions as
“Top Boutique”
Nationwide and in
California

Disrupting the Status Quo and Achieving Historic Results in High-Stakes Matters



Redstone's Legal Battle with Ex-Companion Ends

January 2019

On the eve of trial, media mogul Sumner Redstone's former companion Manuela Herzer has agreed to pay back \$3.25 million to Redstone, ending more than three years of litigation in various courts across the country. Herzer was seeking to be reinstated to his estate plan in an amount greater than \$50 million. [Read More](#)



SoCal Edison Once Again Turns to Hueston Hennigan in California Fires

December 2018

Facing accusations in yet another year of California's wildfires, SoCal Edison once again turns to Hueston Hennigan to serve as lead counsel. We are already defending SoCal Edison and Edison International in litigation arising out of the 2017 Thomas Fire and 2018 Montecito Mudslides. [Read More](#)



Hueston Hennigan Argues Significant Class Action Appeal Before Supreme Court

November 2018

Partner John Hueston argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in a matter that has significant implications for class action cases. The question presented is whether Rule 23(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure – and mandatory claims-processing rules in general – are necessarily susceptible to equitable tolling. [Read More](#)



Judge Affirms School District's Anti-Bullying Efforts

September 2018

An order denying a preliminary injunction requested by a group who sued the school district challenging its anti-bullying program was granted. The "ruling relied heavily on Hueston Hennigan's amicus brief, including its explanation of the First Amendment Establishment Clause," cited the *Daily Journal*. [Read More](#)



Wrongfully Convicted Grandmother Released from Prison

August 2018

Hueston Hennigan worked closely with Loyola Law School's Project for the Innocent to secure the release of Maria Mendez, 64, a grandmother wrongfully convicted of causing the death of her baby grandson. Prior to her release, Ms. Mendez had served 11 years of a 25-years-to-life sentence. This case has widespread ramifications for "shaken baby" convictions. [Read More](#)



Secured a Complete Victory in a First Amendment Fight Against the State of California

February 2018

The State of California had passed a law requiring database sites like IMDb – the Internet Movie Database – to remove an actor's age if requested. IMDb.com, which is owned by Amazon, sued California, saying the law violated the First Amendment. [Read More](#)

Trusted by Clients with High-Profile Matters

THE
WALL STREET
JOURNAL.



Los Angeles Times

THE
AMERICAN LAWYER



LOS ANGELES
BUSINESS JOURNAL

Daily Journal

FAST COMPANY

The New York Times

Forbes

THE
Hollywood
REPORTER

MarketWatch

The Mercury News

DEADLINE
HOLLYWOOD



MARKETS
INSIDER



HOUSTON
BUSINESS JOURNAL

Results that Garner Accolades

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–Chambers

Top 100 Trial Lawyers in America

–Benchmark Litigation

Top 10 Boutique in the United States

–Benchmark Litigation

Commercial Litigation

–U.S. News – Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms”

Top Boutique

–The Daily Journal

“Litigation Stars” and “Future Stars”

–Benchmark Litigation

Criminal Defense: White Collar

–U.S. News – Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms”

Top 20 Trial Law Firms in the United States

–Benchmark Litigation

Top 100 Lawyers in California

–The Daily Journal

Best Lawyers

–Best Lawyers in America

Top 10 Best Midsize Law Firms to Work For

–Vault

Top Lawyers Nationwide Under 40

–Benchmark Litigation

Top Women Lawyers in California

–The Daily Journal

California Lawyer of the Year (CLAY)

–California Lawyer

Litigation: General Commercial

–Chambers

Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations

–Chambers

Unmatched Talent at Every Level



Andrew Walsh Elected to Partnership

January 2019

Hueston Hennigan announced that Andrew Walsh has been elected to the partnership.

Mr. Walsh represents clients in complex civil business disputes, high-stakes environmental and entertainment litigation, and white collar criminal actions for Fortune 500 companies, governments, and individuals across a wide range of industries. Since joining Hueston Hennigan at its inception, Mr. Walsh has advocated for the Navajo Nation in its environmental suit against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, obtained a trial victory for Sumner Redstone in his challenge to his mental capacity, and achieved a dismissal of all felony charges against a subsidiary of the nation's largest environmental services provider.

Mr. Walsh earned his J.D. from Loyola Law School, where he was a Sayre Macneil Scholar, a member of the St. Thomas More Law Honor Society, and elected to the Order of the Coif. He earned his undergraduate degree in geography and environmental studies from UCLA.



Christy V. Rayburn Joins the Firm as Of Counsel

December 2018

Hueston Hennigan announced that Christy Von der Ahe Rayburn joined the firm's Intellectual Property practice as Of Counsel in the Newport Beach office.

Ms. Rayburn was previously a partner at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, where she litigated high-stakes disputes for well-known companies, including Oracle, NVIDIA, and Foxconn. She has been involved in several high-profile patent, copyright, and trade secret litigations, including the recent *Oracle v. Google* trial in the Northern District of California. She also argued the constitutionality of California's Proposition 66 to the California Supreme Court.

Ms. Rayburn earned her J.D. in 2007 from Harvard Law School and her undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering and Political Science from Stanford University in 2004. She began her legal career at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, after serving as a law clerk to the Honorable Andrew J. Guilford of the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

2018 Associate Class



Promoted to Of Counsel

University of Southern California Law School (J.D., 2008)
University of California (B.A., 2005)
Hon. Jerome Farris., U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (Clerkship)

Hueston Hennigan announced that Padraic Foran was promoted to Of Counsel, effective January 1, 2019.

“Pad is a valuable member of our team,” said managing partner Brian Hennigan. “We are excited to see him take on more senior leadership and work closely with clients to resolve disputes and achieve favorable resolutions.”

A creative and forceful litigator, Padraic Foran focuses on complex civil litigation – primarily fraud, trade secret, and professional liability matters – in California and across the country in a broad range of industries. Mr. Foran brings an abundance of courtroom experience and insight to every case, developing innovative approaches and case strategies designed to achieve clearly articulated goals.



Neil G. Anderson

Cornell Law School (J.D., 2015)
Brigham Young University (B.S., 2012)



Rami Bachour

UC Berkeley School of Law (J.D., 2018)
University of California, Los Angeles (B.A., 2013)



Josh Burk

University of Virginia School of Law (J.D., 2016)
Ouachita Baptist University (B.A., 2007)
Hon. Lavenski Smith, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (Clerkship)



Craig Fligor

The University of Chicago Law School (J.D., 2017)
Northwestern University (B.A., 2014)
Hon. Diane S. Sykes, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (Clerkship)



Derek Flores

Northwestern University School of Law (J.D., 2014)
University of California, Davis (A.B., 2010)
Hon. Gonzalo P. Curiel, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California (Clerkship)



Brittani A. Jackson

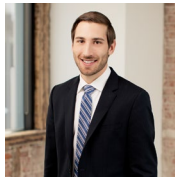
Harvard Law School (J.D., 2014)
Harvard Business School (M.B.A., 2014)
Stanford University (B.A., 2008)



Eunice Leong

Cornell Law School (J.D., 2016)

University of California, Los Angeles (B.A., 2012)

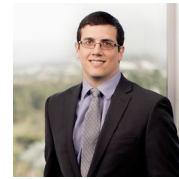


Philip Mayer

Columbia Law School (J.D., 2017)

University of California, Los Angeles (B.A., 2013)

Hon. Madeline C. Arleo, U.S. District Court for the
District of New Jersey (Clerkship)



David Sarfati

Columbia Law School (J.D., 2015)

University of California, Irvine (B.A., 2011)



Samantha Schnier

New York University School of Law (J.D., 2015)

Tufts University (B.A., 2009)

Hon. Joan M. Azrack, Eastern District of New
York (Clerkship)



Daniel Sheehan

Yale Law School (J.D., 2016)

Stanford University (B.A., 2009)

Hon. Sidney R. Thomas, U.S. Court of Appeals for
the Ninth Circuit (Clerkship)