

## "A Force to be Reckoned With" -Chambers

Five years ago, we launched with 30 lawyers united in one mission: the creation of a group of elite trial lawyers and business law specialists who nimbly dissect, attack and resolve our clients' most difficult issues. After five years, which saw a streak of trial victories and terminated investigations, we have doubled our number of lawyers to 60 (and we're still growing). As noted by *The Legal 500*, we are a "highly specialized team," with graduates from the most selective law schools, veterans of prominent national law firms and accomplished former assistant U.S. attorneys. Seventy percent of our lawyers have also completed federal clerkships.

In our first five years, we have focused on qualitative growth, often turning away business, so we can bring the highest consistency of talent to each case we accept. We have had success by disrupting the traditional litigation playbook to secure favorable decisions before state and federal courts and even the U.S. Supreme Court. To date, we have won and collected almost \$6 billion on behalf of our clients as plaintiffs and defeated billions in claims as defendants.

With ever-increasing frequency, we are asked by new clients to replace traditional "Big Law" firms to lead high-stakes litigation across the country and internationally. Five years on, our blue-chip roster of clients continues to expand in a wide variety of industries and with leading business icons. As *Chambers* notes, we are a "go-to firm"

for bet-the-farm litigation" whose lawyers are "harddriving, insightful and aggressive."

We are also equally committed to the idea that our lawyers are important contributors to social change. We encourage our lawyers to dedicate pro bono time to helping the underserved. We support an array of nonprofits grappling with a variety of issues at the core of access to justice, and our associates have successfully tried more than 50 cases to date for domestic violence victims.

We proudly present this reflection on our past five years. We thank you for the trust you have placed in us and look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the years to come.

Brian J. Hennigan

John C. Hueston

### **Our Work**

# Our trial successes speak for themselves.





# California Institute of Technology

## Victory for Caltech in Closely Watched Trial

Won a complete defense verdict for Caltech after a four-week jury trial in a \$65 million+ tortious interference and whistleblower case.



#### Tronox Inc.

## \$5.15 Billion Settlement After Trial

Secured a \$5.15 billion settlement after trial for the Tronox Trust as the litigation trustee responsible for the prosecution of consolidated national litigation against Anadarko Petroleum Company and Kerr McGee Corporation for fraudulent transfer of massive environmental, tort, retiree and other liabilities.



#### **Electronic Arts**

# Unanimous Verdict in Copyright Trial

Won a unanimous defense verdict for Electronic Arts in a jury trial of a copyright case related to *The Sims 3*, the third installment in the company's best-selling series of life simulation games.

#### State Bar of California

#### Resounding Victory in High-Profile Wrongful Termination Suit

Won a complete judgment in a wrongful termination suit for the State Bar of California and the former president of its board of trustees in a high-stakes lawsuit filed by Joseph Dunn, former state senator and state bar executive director.

#### Sumner M. Redstone

# **Victory After One Day** of Trial

Secured a dismissal in a lawsuit challenging Sumner M. Redstone's mental capacity, thereby removing one of the clouds hanging over corporate control of his family's media empire.

#### T-Mobile USA, Inc.

#### Victory for T-Mobile in Trade Secrets Jury Trial

Won a three-week federal jury trial for T-Mobile on misappropriation of trade secrets and breach of contract claims against Huawei. Our trial was the first to expose Huawei's extensive misdeeds and has resulted in a federal criminal suit based on the evidence we uncovered and our trial narrative.

# We are at the forefront of evolving law and novel legal challenges.





# Nutraceutical Corporation

# Unanimous Opinion at U.S. Supreme Court

Obtained a 9-0 opinion at the Supreme Court of the United States in favor of Nutraceutical in a case that has significant implications for class actions practice.



#### **Grindr LLC**

# Significant CDA Immunity Victory for Social App

Prevailed in the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, holding for the first time that social network application Grindr and its owners are protected by Communications Decency Act immunity and cannot be held liable for the acts of the app's users.



#### IMDb.com

# Victory for IMDb in California Constitutional Challenge

Prevailed on behalf of IMDb.com in a First Amendment challenge to a California law restricting online speech.

# The Park at Cross Creek and Malibu Bay Development Co.

# Precedent-Setting Victory in Constitutional Challenge

Prevailed in the California Court of Appeal, affirming a lower court judgment that struck down Measure R, an anti-development, voter-enacted Malibu land use ordinance.

#### GlaxoSmithKline plc

# Groundbreaking Equal Protection Victory

Obtained a groundbreaking victory at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, holding for the first time, that a juror cannot be struck on the basis of sexual orientation.

### We are called upon when it matters most.



#### **Elon Musk**

#### **Defeated SEC Contempt Motion Against Elon Musk**

Defeated an SEC contempt action against Tesla CEO Elon Musk for allegedly violating a court order that he can't tweet material information without company approval.

#### The Navajo Nation

#### **Dismissal of Federal Racketeering Complaint**

Shari Redstone

Obtained dismissal of a federal RICO lawsuit filed against Shari Redstone by her father's ex-companion, which accused Ms. Redstone of having conspired to remove the ex-companion from her father's life and estate plan as part of a scheme to seize control of Viacom and CBS.

#### **Accountability for Historic** Wastewater Spill

Represent the Navajo Nation in all aspects of its claims arising out of the unprecedented acid mine wastewater spill from the Gold King Mine near Silverton, Colorado.



#### Sumner M. Redstone

#### **Battle Won for Control of** \$40 Billion Media Empire

Prevailed in a high-profile battle for corporate control of Sumner M. Redstone's \$40 billion media empire, which was waged in the courts of Delaware, Massachusetts and California and came on the heels of a trial victory for Sumner M. Redstone in a probate court action challenging

#### CoreLogic Solutions LLC

#### **Injunctions Stop Trade Secret Theft**

Obtained broad injunctions against the theft of trade secrets and confidential information, admissions of misappropriation of confidential information, and published apologies from former employees of CoreLogic.

# We advocate for innovative, leading companies and industry icons.





#### Western Digital Corporation

#### A Joint Venture With Billions of Dollars on the Line

Represented Western Digital and its SanDisk subsidiaries in their widely publicized dispute with Toshiba over anti-transfer provisions in joint venture agreements governing the manufacture and development of NAND flash memory.



#### GlaxoSmithKline plc

## Victory for Civil Rights in Antitrust and Unfair Competition Action

Obtained a settlement for GlaxoSmithKline in a high-profile antitrust, unfair competition and breach of contract action against Abbott Laboratories, alleging Abbott abused its market dominance and engaged in the predatory pricing of HIV drugs.

#### Qualcomm Incorporated

#### \$65 Million Recovery in Fraud Case

Successfully resolved a complex fraud case, with total recovery of more than \$65 million, for Qualcomm related to a former senior engineer's sophisticated scheme to sell technology he had secretly developed while working for the company.

#### William Koch

#### Reshaped Consumer Protection Fraud Landscape

Prevailed in a three-week federal jury trial for William Koch on claims of fraud, deceptive business practices and false advertising related to the sale of counterfeit high-end wine, including obtaining a \$12 million punitive damages award. The trial victory and significant federal and state appellate wins reshaped the consumer protection fraud landscape.

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#### Alec Baldwin

# Seven-Figure Settlement in Art Fraud

Obtained a seven-figure settlement, representing a full trial victory, on behalf of Alec Baldwin in a high-profile art fraud case against the Mary Boone Gallery.

# We achieve positive outcomes in high-stakes matters.





# University of California Board of Trustees

### Highly Publicized Investigation Yields Corrective Actions

Conducted a high-profile internal investigation for the University of California Board of Trustees into the Office of the President, alleging improper activity in response to a state audit.



#### Waste Management

# **Felony Charges Dismissed After 4-Year Investigation**

Obtained dismissal of all felony federal charges, including conspiracy, false statements and Clean Water Act charges, after four years of investigation and litigation against a subsidiary of Waste Management and two of its managers.

#### County of San Bernardino

#### Defended a California Attorney General and Sheriff's Department Investigation

Successfully defended the county of San Bernardino in an investigation by the California attorney general and a sheriff's investigation regarding alleged "systemic" and "criminal failures" of the county's child and family services agency in its provision of child welfare services.

#### William McGlashan

#### McGlashan Fights "Varsity Blues" Charges

Represent the founder and former head of TPG's growth and impacting investing businesses and one of the highest-profile criminal defendants in the "Varsity Blues" college admissions case.

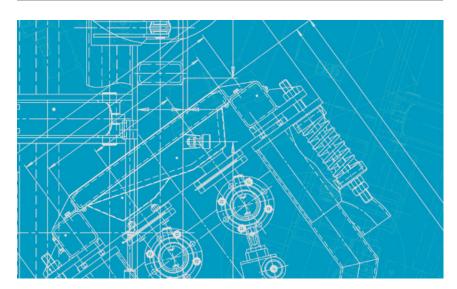
#### City of Santa Monica

#### **Investigation Paves Way to Restore Public Trust**

Conducted an investigation into political corruption in the city of Santa Monica, setting forth best practices to guide city officials on proper ethical behavior.

# We convince judges to rule in favor of our clients.





#### ClearOne, Inc.

# Preliminary Injunction Victory in Multiyear, Multi-Patent Legal Dispute

Obtained a preliminary injunction for ClearOne in a multiyear, multipatent legal dispute, enjoining its competitor Shure Incorporated from manufacturing, marketing and selling its product in an infringing manner.



#### Bausch Health Companies

#### Defeated \$100 Million Suit Against Bausch Health Companies

Won a motion for judgment on the pleadings for Bausch Health in a nine-figure trade secret misappropriation and breach of contract case.

#### Amgen Inc.

# Preliminary Injunction in a Case Impacting the California Pharmaceutical Industry

Obtained a preliminary injunction prohibiting a state agency from publicly disclosing anticipated prescription drug price changes, retaining trade secret privileges over such nonpublic pricing decisions.

#### Sempra Energy

## Summary Judgment Ends 5-Year-Old Lawsuit

Secured summary judgment in a five-year-old cross-border dispute for Sempra Energy relating to a billion-dollar liquefied natural gas terminal in Baja, Mexico.

#### Interdent, Inc.

#### Complete Summary Judgment Victory in Merger Dispute

Obtained a complete summary judgment victory for Interdent in a case seeking more than \$30 million in payments pursuant to a merger agreement and obtained complete dismissal of a subsequent related lawsuit.

### We prevail without trial.





#### Social Networking App

## Nine-Figure Settlement in Breach of Contract Suit

Obtained a nine-figure settlement on behalf of the CEO and founder of a major social networking app in a fraud and breach of contract action.



#### The Navajo Nation

## **Multimillion-Dollar Settlement With Wells Fargo**

Secured a \$6.5 million settlement for predatory and fraudulent practices for the Navajo Nation with Wells Fargo Bank, a settlement that is significantly higher than that obtained by similarly sized states.

#### Valeant Pharmaceuticals

#### **Settlement Ends Securities Class Action**

Obtained a favorable settlement for Valeant Pharmaceuticals, following argument on summary judgment, in a multibillion-dollar securities class action alleging violations of insider trading and control person liability statutes.

#### **EmployBridge**

#### **Favorably Resolved a Corporate Divorce**

Obtained a favorable settlement on the eve of trial for one of the nation's largest specialty staffing companies against the company's former CEO, who brought claims for wrongful termination and sought to invalidate his noncompete and nonsolicit obligations.

# We work to secure equal access to justice.





#### Freedom For Immigrants

# First Amendment Suit to Reinstate Abuse Hotline for Persons in Detention

Represent Freedom For Immigrants in a high-profile, closely watched case seeking to enjoin the United States Department of Homeland Security from shutting down an immigration hotline – featured in *Orange Is the New Black* – that provides free access to immigrants to report abuse in immigrant detention.



#### Project for the Innocent

#### Justice for a Wrongfully Imprisoned Grandmother

In a two-week hearing, provided new evidence that led to the release of a woman wrongfully convicted of the intentional homicide of a family member.



#### Council on American-Islamic Relations

# Defended School District's Efforts to Protect Muslim Students

Defeated efforts by a San Diego group that sued the San Diego Unified School District to enjoin its anti-bullying program, which was developed to protect Muslim students and address a rise in Islamophobia.

# Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice

## **Won More Than 50 Contested Matters of Domestic Violence**

Provide representation to domestic violence survivors as they seek to reestablish their long-term stability, safety and autonomy.

# Los Angeles HIV Law and Policy Project

#### **Asylum Secured for Gay Russian Man**

Obtained asylum for a gay Russian man who feared returning to his home country where he had been subjected to repeated abuses because of his sexual orientation.

# Peer Recognition

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- "Go-to firm for bet-the-farm litigation."—Chambers
- "Hard-driving, insightful and aggressive."—Chambers
- "It is the perfect litigation boutique very bright and very committed."—Chambers
- "A force to be reckoned with."—Chambers
- "They're extremely professional, very knowledgeable and efficient. They get right to the heart of the matter and come up with winning strategies."—Chambers
- "The firm has enjoyed meteoric success."—Chambers
- "A National Powerhouse."—Daily Journal
- "The firm to beat ... dynamic and engaged... re-shaped the landscape."—Benchmark Litigation
- "Their profile is going national at this point! They have just been massively successful." —Benchmark Litigation
- "Highly specialized team [who] provides the same or better expertise [than] at the top Big Law firms, but with the flexibility and close working relationship of a small firm."

  —The Legal 500

# Results That Garner Accolades



#### **Firm**

Top 20 Trial Law Firms in U.S., Benchmark Litigation 5 Go-To Boutique Trial Firms in the U.S., Law360 National Elite Boutique Trailblazer, National Law Journal Top 10 Boutiques in U.S., Benchmark Litigation Top 10 Best U.S. Midsize Law Firms to Work For, Vault Regional Powerhouse, Law360

Los Angeles Law Firm of the Year, *Benchmark Litigation*Top Boutiques in California, *Daily Journal* 

#### **Practice**

Tier 1 National Rankings: Commercial Litigation and White Collar Defense Practices, *Benchmark Litigation*Litigation Department of the Year, *The Recorder*Practice Group of the Year, *Law360*Litigation: General Commercial, *Chambers*White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations, *Chambers* 

Corporate investigations and white-collar criminal defense, *Legal 500* 

#### **People**

Top 100 Trial Lawyers in America, *Benchmark Litigation*Top 100 Lawyers in California, *Daily Journal*Top 20 Trial Lawyers in California, *Benchmark Litigation*American College of Trial Lawyers
National Litigation Stars, *Benchmark Litigation*MVPs of the Year, *Law360* 

California Lawyer of the Year (CLAY) Award, Daily Journal

Power Lawyers List, *The Hollywood Reporter*Leaders in Law, *Los Angeles Business Journal*Lawyers of the Year, *Best Lawyers in America*Top Litigators and Lawyers in Los Angeles, *Los Angeles Business Journal* 

Top Women Lawyers in California, *Daily Journal*Legal Impact Report: Best Lawyers in Show Business, *Variety* 

Top Minority Attorneys, Los Angeles Business Journal Lawyers on the Fast Track, The Recorder Top 40 Under 40, Daily Journal 40 & Under Hot List, Benchmark Litigation Rising Stars Nationwide, Law360

# Associates Joining in 2019





#### **Ashley Artmann**

UCLA School of Law (J.D., 2017) Stanford University (B.A., 2012) Clerkships: Hon. Kim McLane Wardlaw, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Hon. Cormac J. Carney, U.S. District Court for Central District of California



#### **Sara Banco**

UC Irvine School of Law (J.D., 2017) California State University, Monterey Bay (B.A., 2013)

Clerkship: Hon. Carolyn McHugh, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit



#### Annie Banks

UCLA School of Law (J.D., 2016) University of California, Los Angeles (M.Ed., 2008)

University of California, Los Angeles (B.S., 2007)



#### Haoxiaohan Cai

Harvard Law School (J.D., 2017)

Duke University (B.A., 2014)

Clerkships: Hon. Gonzalo Curiel, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

Hon. Jerome Holmes, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit



#### **Shannon Coit**

University of Pennsylvania Law School (J.D., 2014)

University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine (M.A., 2014) University of Michigan (B.A., 2006)

Clerkships: Hon. M. Margaret McKeown, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit Hon. Cynthia Bashant, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California



#### **Maxwell Coll**

UC Berkeley School of Law (J.D., 2016) Tulane University (B.A., 2011) Clerkship: Hon. David O. Carter, U.S.

District Court for the Central District of California

# 75% of associates who joined in 2019 are female70% of lawyers completed clerkships60% of lawyers are diverse





#### **Joseph Crusham**

UC Berkeley School of Law (J.D., 2018) The Ohio State University (B.A., 2015) Clerkship: Hon. Josephine L. Staton, U.S. District Court for the Central District of California



#### Sara Haji

UC Berkeley School of Law (J.D., 2014) The University of Texas at Austin (B.A., 2010)

Clerkships: Hon. Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar for the Supreme Court of California

Hon. Raymond C. Fisher, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit Hon. Margo K. Brodie, U.S. District Court

for the Eastern District of New York

Abigail Majane

University of Chicago Law School (J.D., 2018)

University of Pittsburgh (B.S., 2015; B.A., 2015)

Clerkship: Hon. Michael Brennan, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit



**Amber Munoz** 

UCLA School of Law (J.D., 2019) University of California, Santa Barbara (B.A., 2015)



**Kevin Wang** 

University of Chicago Law School (J.D., 2017)

University of California, Irvine (B.A., 2014)



**Karen Younkins** 

Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., 2015)

Dickinson College (B.S., 2008)

