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AREAS OF PRACTICE

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION:

From billion dollar antitrust litigation to multimillion dollar cases involving breach of contract, fraud, unfair business practices, piercing the corporate veil, and theft of trade secrets, we have delivered numerous wins to clients from across broad spectrums of industries.

COMPLEX TORT LITIGATION:

We have handled numerous complex and high-stakes tort litigation matters involving a wide range of personal and motor vehicle injuries, products liability, and industrial worksite accidents.

INSURANCE COVERAGE:

We have recovered more than \$1 billion for Fortune 500 corporations, mid-size companies, and public entities in disputes involving mass torts, coverage for environmental litigation, toxic injuries, and financial dealings of directors and officers.

EMPLOYMENT LITIGATION:

We have helped Fortune 100 corporations, mid-size companies, and high net worth business owners resolve a wide range of employment disputes, including allegations of discrimination, wrongful termination, harassment, retaliation, defamation, covenants not to compete and wage and hour violations.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY:

With a long history of successfully representing Fortune 500 corporations in intellectual property disputes involving copyright infringement, misappropriation, and counterfeiting, we have the skills and experience to protect our clients' ability to innovate and compete.

ADMINISTRATIVE & PUBLIC ENTITY LAW:

We have established a recognized strength and expertise in the representation of governmental entities and other private clients in adversarial, enforcement, and investigative proceedings before State and federal governmental agencies, including various New Motor Vehicle Boards, the EEOC, Department of Real Estate, Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, Labor Commissioner, and the Department of Motor Vehicles.

PRESS

LOS ANGELES TIMES

LAUSD INSURER SUES TO AVOID PAYING \$30 MILLION MIRAMONTE SETTLEMENT

AUTHORED: By Howard Blume
PUBLISHED: May 31, 2013

The companies should be responsible for Miramonte costs beyond a "self-insurance" amount... said Sean Andrade, an outside counsel representing L.A. Unified... Everest [only] sued "before the district could sue them for breach of contract or bad faith," Andrade said.

COURTHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

L.A. SCHOOLS FIGHT \$117 MILLION SPENDING CUT

AUTHORED: By Matt Reynolds
PUBLISHED: December 19, 2011

The Los Angeles Unified School District challenged Gov. Jerry Brown's \$117 million cuts for school buses, claiming the state is forcing it to "choose between two illegal and unconstitutional outcomes"... Sean Andrade represents the district in Superior Court.

DAILY NEWS

LAUSD SUES GOV. JERRY BROWN AND OTHERS OVER CUTS TO TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR MAGNET AND SPECIAL-EDUCATION STUDENTS

AUTHORED: By Barbara Jones
POSTED: December 14, 2011

Attorney Sean Andrade... said LAUSD will seek a temporary restraining order to try and prevent the cuts from taking place as scheduled on Jan. 1

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Andrade Gonzalez LLP is a boutique litigation firm that uses creativity, flexibility, and experience to secure the very best results for its clients. Our approach is built upon quickly developing and implementing a solid, but flexible litigation plan to achieve the fastest and most efficient client win. At every step, this unique approach is client-focused. This ensures that each litigation plan is creative and designed to minimize business interruption, maximize efficiency, identify solutions early, and avoid needless billing.

SEAN A. ANDRADE

SEAN A. ANDRADE graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and simultaneously obtained a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Business & Public Policy from The Wharton School. His bachelor's degree is from the University of California, Irvine with honors.

Mr. Andrade is an experienced litigator who has taken cases from complaint through trial. Approaching every client matter with creativity and flexibility, he has achieved numerous victories in a wide array of commercial litigation cases, involving breach of contract, fraud, piercing the corporate veil, intellectual property, products liability, employment discrimination, wage and hour claims, franchise law, insurance bad faith, personal injury, real estate disputes, and entertainment litigation. He has also successfully taken over appeals, and handled state and federal writs, and amicus briefs in both the California and the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Andrade began his legal career at Baker & Hostetler, where he successfully represented Fortune 100 clients in all types of commercial litigation matters pending in state and federal court and before administrative agencies.

For the past five years, Los Angeles Magazine has recognized Mr. Andrade as one of the top young business litigation lawyers in Southern California. In 2011, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors appointed him to LA County's Redistricting Commission. For eight years, Mr. Andrade served on the National Board of Governors for the Hispanic National Bar Association. During that time, he was elected four times to the HNBA's Executive Committee, as Vice President of Programs and National Secretary. He has also held various Board Positions with the Mexican American Bar Association.

During law school, Mr. Andrade was Senior Editor of the University of Pennsylvania Journal of Labor & Employment Law. Before law school, he worked as the State Policy Analyst and National Paralegal for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

EDUCATION:

- J.D., University of Pennsylvania Law School
- Post-Baccalaureate Certificate of Study in Business & Public Policy, The Wharton School
- B.A., University of California at Irvine

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS:

- Aegis Communications Group, Inc.
- Case Credit Corporation
- Dillard's
- Ford Motor Company
- Guess?, Inc.
- Heavy Hitters Music, LLC
- New Century Financial Corp.
- Los Angeles Unified School District
- Macy's, Inc.
- Scripps Networks Interactive, Inc.
- Volvo Trucks North America

REPRESENTATIVE CASES:

LAUSD v. JERRY BROWN, ET AL.

Successfully litigated Constitutional, state, and federal law challenges to the State of California's "trigger cuts" that proposed to eliminate \$114 million in Statewide Transportation Funding (\$38 million for LAUSD alone). The litigation was successfully settled after the State agreed to reverse and change the funding cut.

NEW CENTURY FIN. CORP. v. LIBERTY SURPLUS INS.

Successfully prosecuted a complex breach of contract and bad faith action for a large financial services corporation against insurer for refusing to honor its insurance policy despite massive losses from a Texas intellectual property dispute. Delivered a full policy limits settlement after five weeks of a six-week jury trial.

AEGIS COMMUNICATIONS v. PACIFIC CORP. TOWERS

Hired to represent an international telecommunications company facing an unlawful detainer action from a costly commercial lease in an old location that was phased out and no longer used. Within a matter of weeks, achieved a full dismissal of the unlawful detainer action and successfully triggered an early termination clause in the commercial lease that saved the company hundreds of thousands of dollars.

CASE CREDIT CORP. v. (NUMEROUS)

Successfully represented one of the largest finance companies in the world by prosecuting more than 15 different breach of contract and fraud actions throughout California arising from commercial transactions involving high value agricultural and commercial equipment. Repeatedly delivered full value judgments and/or settlements that included the return of any secured asset.

EMMA CORP. v. COMPEL HOLDINGS L.P. ET AL.

Successfully defended large venture capital/private equity firm in complex breach of contract/fraud litigation that sought to pierce the corporate veil to reach corporate parent and shareholders.

HERNANDEZ v. GUESS?, INC.

Successfully defended fashion retailer in wrongful termination and employment discrimination. With arbitration compelled, achieved an extremely beneficial resolution for the client.

MACY'S, DILLARD'S, GUESS AND LAUSD (IP CASES)

Successfully represented numerous fashion and retail clients and LAUSD in numerous intellectual property cases in federal court alleging infringement of previously copyrighted works of patterns, designs, and the alleged use of copyrighted books and materials.

PAYNTER v. HEAVY HITTERS MUSIC, LLC

Achieved an exceptional result for Los Angeles based music publishing firm facing bet the company litigation arising out of a disastrous head on collision involving a contractor, who was alleged to be an employee leaving the office for another "work-related" event.

HENRY H. GONZALEZ

HENRY H. GONZALEZ graduated from Harvard Law School, and received his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Berkeley with honors. Mr. Gonzalez began his legal career at the Los Angeles offices of Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP. Mr. Gonzalez's practice has focused on commercial litigation, employment matters, copyright and trademark law and white collar criminal matters. These matters involve contract disputes, trade secret claims, legal malpractice claims, insurance coverage matters including environmental contamination, securities law violations and electric industry regulatory matters.

Mr. Gonzalez has first and second chaired numerous jury and bench trials. He has been part of trial teams that have obtained multi-million dollar verdicts in employment matters and resulted in complete defense victories in misappropriation of trade secret cases. Mr. Gonzalez has first chaired several federal court trials that resulted in multimillion dollar verdicts for his clients in trademark and copyright infringement matters. Mr. Gonzalez has also tried and won cases before several California administrative law courts, including the California Labor Commissioner and the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board.

Mr. Gonzalez was part of a team that represented Southern California Edison Company in connection with the energy crisis in California, including regulatory proceedings, federal litigation against the California Public Utilities Commission, and defense of several private actions seeking payment. Mr. Gonzalez has successfully represented clients in white collar matters and investigations by the U.S. Attorney's Office, the California Attorney General, and the Fair Political Practices Commission. Mr. Gonzalez has also represented school districts and public organizations in various cases, including appeals involving amicus briefs in the Ninth Circuit and California Supreme Court.

EDUCATION:

- J.D., Harvard University Law School
- B.A., University of California at Berkeley

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS:

- Southern California Edison Company
- Los Angeles Unified School District
- County of Los Angeles
- City of Long Beach
- The Educational Legal Alliance of the California School Boards Association
- Symantec Corporation
- The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.
- Guess?, Inc.
- Abbott Laboratories
- Stratus Film Co.
- Pinkberry, Inc.
- American Golf Corporation

REPRESENTATIVE CASES:

TREALOFF v. FOREST RIVER, INC.

Obtained a \$17,550,000 jury verdict following a six-week jury trial on breach of contract and invasion of privacy claims and a complete defense verdict on counterclaims involving alleged misappropriation of trade secrets.

SYMANTEC CORP. v. INTERPLUS ONLINE, ET. AL.

Obtained a judgment in excess of \$11 million for willful trademark infringement against a distributor selling counterfeit Symantec software throughout North America following a federal district court trial. The judgment constituted one of the largest single judgments awarded to Symantec in a software piracy case.

MURANAKA FARMS, INC. v. ARECHIGA

Obtained a \$5 million verdict after a four-week jury trial against a competitor and former company executive for tortious interference, breach of contract, and unfair competition.

EMBROIDERY, INC. v. GUESS?, INC.

Obtained summary judgment for Guess? on copyright infringement, breach of contract and unfair competition claims.

SYMANTEC CORPORATION v. SOFTWARE OUTLETS.COM, INC. ET AL.

Obtained a judgment for Symantec following a federal district court trial with a finding of willful and malicious infringement by defendants.

GRAHAM v. AMERICAN GOLF CORPORATION, ET. AL.

Won summary judgment for American Golf and multiple public entities and elected officials in a case alleging multiple statutory and Constitutional law violations.

SYMANTEC CORPORATION v. ANYI, ET AL.

Obtained judgments totaling over \$21 million for trademark infringement, copyright infringement, fraud, unfair competition, and false advertising against a large network of distributors selling counterfeit Symantec software throughout North America and Asia.

SYMANTEC CORPORATION v. ROWCAL DISTRIBUTION

Obtained a \$1 million judgment and findings of willful infringement following a federal court trial against Internet based distributor of counterfeit software.

ANDRE Y. BATES

ANDRE Y. BATES graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law where he was named a Milken Foundation Scholar. He received his B.A. from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

A seasoned litigator and trial attorney with large national law firm experience, Mr. Bates has represented medium to large businesses in complex commercial, labor and employment, and governmental regulation related litigation matters. His extensive commercial experience includes litigating breach of contract, breach of warranty, contract interpretation, piercing the corporate veil, misappropriation of trade secrets, fraud and unfair business practices. Mr. Bates has successfully tried cases to verdict in state and federal district court including obtaining a defense verdict for a large national corporation in the jury trial of a fraud and breach of contract case where plaintiff sought \$14 million in compensatory damages. He has also briefed and argued before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the California Courts of Appeal.

In labor and employment, Mr. Bates has substantial experience in class actions, particularly lawsuits involving the increasingly complicated distinction between employees and independent contractors.

Mr. Bates began his legal career at the Los Angeles office of Morgan Lewis, where he successfully represented many Fortune 500 clients in various types of commercial litigation matters pending in state and federal court and before administrative agencies. Most significantly, he was an integral part of the team that represented Merrill Lynch in connection with numerous lawsuits generated from the Orange County Bankruptcy, one of the largest municipal bankruptcies in United States history.

Prior to attending law school, Mr. Bates served as a Surface Warfare Officer in the United States Navy. The highlight of his service was a tour of duty as the Navigation Officer of a guided missile frigate during a deployment where the ship circumnavigated the globe.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES:

ORANGE COUNTY *v.* MERRILL LYNCH & CO.

NORMAN BARKEN CO. *v.* CENTURY BUSINESS SERVICES, INC.

BOB EVANS DESIGNS, INC. *v.* RODALE PRESS INC.

KAIRY, ET AL. *v.* SHUPERSHUTTLE INC., ET AL.

FREEWAY DRIVE, LLC *v.* HILLCREST TRUST NO. 1

AKBAR OMAR *v.* SYED Q. MADAD., ET AL.

MARILYN MOTIL *v.* CAL-PAC SOMONA DBA THE 101 CASINO

SIGNATURE GROUP HOLDINGS INC. (FREMONT REORGANIZING CORP.) *v.* DAVID CRISP, ET AL.

EDUCATION:

- University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law
- B.A. from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS:

- Century Business Services, Inc.
- Fremont Reorganizing Corp.
- Merrill Lynch & Co.
- Shell Oil Co.
- SuperShuttle Inc.
- Rodale Press, Inc.
- Los Angeles Yellow Cab.
- Farmers & Merchants Bank

STEPHEN V. MASTERSON

STEPHEN V. MASTERSON graduated from George Washington University Law School with honors as a member of the Law Review and received his bachelor's degree in philosophy, magna cum laude, from Amherst College.

Mr. Masterson is an experienced civil litigator specializing in insurance recovery. He represents policyholders in multiparty complex insurance recovery disputes and has special expertise in mass tort, construction, hospitality, aerospace, antitrust, business interruption, indoor air quality, environmental, directors and officers liability, and title insurance issues. Mr. Masterson has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for his policyholder clients.

Mr. Masterson is a well-published authority on insurance and has authored chapters in major legal treatises including, Appleman on Insurance Law Library Edition, Appleman Insurance Law Practice Guide, and Matthew Bender California Insurance Law and Practice.

Mr. Masterson is a past Chair and current member of the Insurance Law Committee of the State Bar of California.

EDUCATION:

- J.D. with Honors, George Washington University Law School
- B.A. in Philosophy, Magna Cum Laude, Amherst College

BAR ADMISSIONS:

- State of California
- 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 Southern District of California
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States Supreme Court

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS:

- Avery Dennison Corporation
- Chevron Corporation
- Film L.A., Inc.
- Hilton Hotels & Resorts
- Lockheed Martin Corporation
- Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles
- Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego
- United Space Alliance

BOOKS:

- Appleman on Insurance, Law Library Edition, co-authored Title Insurance chapter (Lexis/Appleman 2012).
- Appleman Insurance Law Practice Guide, co-authored chapter entitled "Understanding Construction Insurance" (Lexis/Appleman 2010).
- California Insurance Law and Practice, co-authored Construction Insurance chapter (Lexis/Matthew Bender 2009).

ARTICLES:

- "'Actual Policy Language' May Cover Damage to 'Your Work,'" Risk (Fall 2009)
- "Clarifying 'Sudden and Accidental' Pollution Coverage," Insurance Law360 (March 18, 2009).
- "Insurance: Don't Leave for Beijing Without It," Los Angeles Daily Journal (June 24, 2008).
- "The Supreme Court's 2002 Term: Civil Cases Affecting State and Local Governments," Municipal Lawyer (November - December, 2003).
- "Potential Ethical Issues in Mold Litigation," Emerging Issues in California Indoor Air Quality and Toxic Mold Litigation, National Business Institute (2002).

SPEECHES:

- "My Child in the Crosswalk – Uninsured Motorist Coverage," ACIC 24th Annual General Counsel Seminar, Las Vegas, NV (July 25, 2013) Panelist.
- "Essentials of Insurance Company Regulation & Operations – What Every Business Lawyer Should Know When Dealing With An Insurance Company," Business Law Section – The Insurance Law Committee (March 24, 2010) Panelist.
- "Insuring Construction Risks," Webinar (November 17, 2009) Panelist.
- "Insurance Coverage Issues for Data Security and Data Loss Liability," RIMS Webinar (October 15, 2008) Panelist.
- "Confirming & Resolving Status of Insureds," Mealey's Additional Insured Conference, Boston, MA and Pasadena, CA (May 2005).
- "Emerging Issues in California Indoor Air Quality and Toxic Mold Litigation," National Business Institute, Los Angeles, CA (January 2002) Panelist.
- "Confronting Terrorist Risk: Post September 11 Legal and Risk Management Insurance Developments," Los Angeles, CA (December 2001) Panelist.
- "Point/Counterpoint on the Allocation of Defense Costs Between Covered and Non-Covered Claims," Defense Research Institute Insurance Coverage and Practice Symposium, San Francisco, CA (March 2001) Panelist.
- "Advanced Business Interruption Insurance Issues" 38th RIMS Annual Conference & Exhibition, San Francisco, CA (April 30, 2000).

SONIA SALINAS

SONIA SALINAS graduated from Loyola Law School, cum laude, where she was elected to the Order of the Coif, a member and articles editor of the Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review, and a Sayre MacNeil Scholar. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology and Law & Society, with honors, from the University of California, Riverside.

Ms. Salinas began her legal career as a law clerk for Magistrate Judge Suzanne H. Segal of the U.S. District Court of the Central District of California. She then joined the Los Angeles offices of Foley & Lardner, LLP where she focused on commercial litigation matters, successfully litigating matters involving contract disputes, fraud claims, intellectual property, trade secrets, non-compete agreements, employment discrimination, consumer banking issues, and a wide variety of unfair business practice claims. She has advised and represented public entities, multi-national corporations and banks, Latin-American companies, hospital systems, healthcare providers, not-for-profit entities, as well as, small businesses and individuals. Ms. Salinas has also represented clients in white collar criminal matters and civil asset forfeiture proceedings.

Since 2016, she has served as President of the Latina Lawyers Bar Association. She is also a member of the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles and the Mexican American Bar Association and has provided pro bono services to numerous clients, through organizations including the Alliance for Children's Rights, the Disability Rights Legal Center, and the California Innocence Project. Prior to her legal career, Ms. Salinas was a Children's Social Worker for the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services.

EDUCATION:

- J.D., cum laude, Loyola Law School of Los Angeles
- B.S., with Honors, University of California at Riverside

BAR ADMISSIONS:

- State of California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

DENNIS DANIELS

DENNIS DANIELS graduated from the University of Michigan Law School and received his bachelor's degree in Economics and Government from Georgetown University, with honors.

Mr. Daniels began his legal career at the Los Angeles office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher when the firm was twice named the "Litigation Department of the Year" by The American Lawyer magazine. Mr. Daniels has served as lead trial counsel in several cases and returned multiple verdicts on all counts for his clients. He has represented entrepreneurs and Fortune 100 businesses in a wide variety of multimillion and billion-dollar commercial litigation matters, including, antitrust, breach of contract, class action, election law, employment, entertainment, environmental, fraud, insurance coverage, partnership disputes, and white collar criminal matters.

Mr. Daniels has been recognized as a Rising Star by Super Lawyers magazine every year since in 2014. He has volunteered with the Special Olympics and litigated pro bono matters through LACBA's Domestic Violence Project, the Legal Aid Foundation, and the Public Counsel Law Center.

EDUCATION:

- J.D., University of Michigan Law School
- BA, Georgetown University

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS:

- Chevron Corp.
- Intel Corp.
- Lockheed Martin Corp.
- Los Angeles Unified School District
- Nationstar Mortgage LLC,
- Northrop Grumman Corp,
- Nutro Products Inc,
- PHH Mortgage Corp.
- Plains Exploration & Production Co.
- Raytheon Co.
- Wells Fargo Bank NA

REPRESENTATIVE CASES:

- Chevron Corp. v. Donziger
- Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. v. Intel Corp.
- Makaron v. UTC Fire & Security Americas Corporation, Inc.
- Motta v. Flagstar Bank, FSB and Hoff v. Mason
- Allen v. Nutro Products Inc.
- Apache Junction v. Doolittle
- Happeny v. Wells Fargo Insurance Services

JOSE R. NUÑO

JOSE R. NUÑO graduated from the University of Southern California, Gould School of Law. Prior to law school, he received a dual bachelor's degree from USC in Political Science and American Studies & Ethnicity.

While at Gould School of Law, Mr. Nuño served as a judicial extern for the Honorable S. James Otero in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. During his externship with Judge Otero, Mr. Nuño worked on a number of cases, including those involving insurance coverage and white collar crime. During law school, he also served as a law clerk for the Federal Public Defender's Office and spent a semester focusing on labor and employment disputes under the Fair Labor Standards Act as a member of the Hale Moot Court Honors Program.

Before law school, Mr. Nuño worked for several years at the Community Coalition, a local non-profit that specializes in policy work through community organizing.

EDUCATION:

- J.D., USC Gould School of Law
- B.A., University of Southern California



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