



**ANDRADE
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RECENT AWARDS

2023 *Benchmark Litigation* "Recommended Firm"

2023 *Chambers USA* "Insurance: Policyholder"

2023 Southern California "Super Lawyers"

2023 *Los Angeles Business Journal* "Leaders of Influence: Minority Attorneys"

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AGGRESSIVE WHEN NECESSARY, ALWAYS EFFECTIVE.

FIRM BACKGROUND & VISION

Founded in May 2013, 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 to ensure that each litigation plan is creative and designed to minimize business interruption, maximize efficiency, and identify solutions early, while avoiding needless billing. With each of the Firm's lawyers being diverse and coming from top law schools with prior experience litigating at some of the nation's most prestigious law firms, Andrade Gonzalez LLP is able to implement each plan aggressively, delivering solid results even in the most complex and sensitive of litigation matters. The Firm currently has nine committed attorneys and a hardworking support staff of six. In 2019, the *Los Angeles and San Francisco Daily Journal* recognized Andrade Gonzalez LLP as one of 21 "Top Boutiques" in the State of California.

Beyond the results, which have quantifiably saved our clients many millions of dollars, the Firm is focused on understanding its clients' needs and is constantly focused on meeting them. Even in the most difficult and contentious of cases, we remain firm and always respectful and professional to opposing litigants and counsel. We understand and appreciate the sensitivity of our cases and the issues they involve, ensure that we adopt a client-focused approach and strategy, and craft all briefing and arguments with positions that can withstand publicity and public scrutiny. While we are aggressive in our approach, we always look for early resolution opportunities and when possible, we always explore available indemnification and insurance coverage theories.

MOST ACTIVE AREAS OF PRACTICE

Business and Complex Commercial Litigation

From billion dollar antitrust litigation to multimillion dollar cases involving breach of contract, fraud, unfair business practices, intellectual property and partnership disputes, piercing the corporate veil, and theft of trade secrets, the Firm's lawyers have successfully taken approximately 65 cases to trial (about 40 jury trials) and have delivered many wins to their clients from across broad spectrums of industries.

Employment Litigation

Andrade Gonzalez LLP has extensive experience in employment litigation and wage and hour matters. The Firm's attorneys have defended numerous employers in wage and hour matters, discrimination and wrongful termination cases, class actions, EEOC and DFEH investigations, and have also helped clients navigate through Reductions In Force laws. The Firm has a broader understanding of these cases and sometimes is seen with more credibility than other firms because we also represent plaintiffs in employment matters.

Insurance Coverage Advice and Litigation

Andrade Gonzalez LLP attorneys have nearly 50 years of combined experience representing corporate and governmental policyholders around the United States in complex coverage disputes with their insurance carriers. Clients turn to Andrade Gonzalez LLP because the Firm's Insurance Recovery Practice has recovered more than half of \$1 billion for Fortune 500 corporations, mid-size companies, and public entities. Working with private and public entity clients across numerous industries, including oil and gas production and refining, motor fuel service stations, aerospace, chemical manufacturing, financial, and healthcare, the disputes have involved coverage for Superfund site litigation, soil and groundwater contamination, asbestos and other toxic injuries, mass torts, financial dealings of directors and officers, and tort liability for private schools, public school districts and cities.

Intellectual Property

Andrade Gonzalez LLP attorneys have a long history of successfully representing Fortune 100 corporations in intellectual property disputes involving copyright infringement, misappropriation, and counterfeiting. Having served as lead counsel to numerous manufacturers, retailers, software companies, and public entities in intellectual property actions throughout the country, the firm has the skills and experience to protect its clients' ability to innovate and compete. Rather than succumb to the traps that often make these matters overly expensive to litigate, the Firm works to design a creative and efficient litigation plan to achieve the most cost-effective win for each client.

Public Entity Law and Administrative Hearings

Andrade Gonzalez LLP's attorneys have established a recognized strength and expertise in the representation of governmental entities, including school districts, political subdivisions and county and city authorities. For many years, the Firm and its lawyers have provided high quality, results-oriented, and cost-effective representation to the Los Angeles Unified School District and other public entities in a wide scope of practice areas, including handling all aspects of government tort claims and tort liability, complex contract litigation, public records act (PRA) responses and litigation, disputes over intellectual property rights, First Amendment, State budget and funding disputes, and defending the Constitutionality of governmental programs. The Firm has handled jury trials and formal and informal administrative hearings before State agencies, including the California Department of Health Care Services, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the California New Motor Vehicle Board, and the California Dental Board.

Complex & Mass Tort Litigation

Compassionate commitment to our client combined with forceful advocacy and sensitivity is what sets Andrade Gonzalez LLP apart. Our lawyers have handled numerous complex and high-stakes individual and multiple plaintiff tort litigation matters involving a wide range of catastrophic personal injuries. From complicated and sensitive matters alleging sexual abuse to shootings and stabbings, and injuries from the use of industrial manufacturing equipment, building materials and chemicals, commercial construction sites, and motor vehicles, our attorneys have successfully handled all types of cases. By developing a client-focused and case-specific litigation plan and crafting all briefing and arguments with positions that can withstand publicity and public scrutiny, Andrade Gonzalez LLP ensures efficiency while aggressively advancing its clients' strategic and business priorities toward resolution.

White Collar & Government Investigations

The Firm has a strong and extensive white collar criminal and government investigations practice. The Firm's attorneys have represented targets and witnesses in Department of Justice antitrust investigations of price fixing, FDIC actions involving banking and mortgage violations, grand jury investigations of election fraud and political corruption, Securities and Exchange Commission investigations and prosecutions of securities and investment fraud, and federal investigations of healthcare fraud. The Firm has also handled civil asset forfeiture matters, civil actions by the California Department of Corporations, and licensing matters pursued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles and California Dental Board. Because of the Firm's combined 45 years of expertise, it is routinely retained to provide legal advice and counseling during a governmental investigation or to conduct internal corporate investigations into possible policy violations, fraud, tax non-compliance, problematic securities transactions, kickbacks, and other crimes.

Writs & Appeals

Andrade Gonzalez has successfully briefed and argued numerous appeals and writs to the California Courts of Appeal, the Ninth Circuit, and both the California and United States Supreme Courts. With extensive experience in helping clients either seek relief from a bad underlying decision or ruling or protecting that solid trial court result, Andrade Gonzalez LLP is ready to assist with every aspect of the appellate process.

SEAN A. ANDRADE

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Sean Andrade graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, simultaneously obtaining a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Business & Public Policy from The Wharton School. He received his bachelor's degree with honors from the University of California, Irvine.

Mr. Andrade is an aggressive, creative, and experienced litigator who has achieved numerous high-stakes victories in cases involving breach of contract, fraud, piercing the corporate veil, intellectual property disputes, products liability, employment discrimination, wage and hour, franchise, personal injury, real estate, and entertainment disputes. Aside from many wins on summary judgment, in 2017, Mr. Andrade obtained a full defense verdict in a four-week jury trial involving sexual abuse claims by five plaintiffs seeking \$24.5 million in damages. The *Los Angeles and San Francisco Daily Journal* recognized this result as a "Top Defense Verdict."

He also has a particular expertise and passion for helping clients obtain insurance coverage. He and others from the firm have recovered many millions of dollars for individual, corporate, and government clients. Whether he is brought in to represent the plaintiff or defense, or handle appellate proceedings through writs, appeals, and amicus briefing, Mr. Andrade is a fierce advocate for his clients.

Throughout his career, numerous publications have recognized Mr. Andrade's professional achievements and expertise. Most recently, Mr. Andrade was ranked by *Chambers USA 2023* in the Insurance: Policyholder category. Mr. Andrade was also selected for the *Los Angeles Business Journal's* "Leaders of Influence: Litigators & Trial Lawyers" and "Minority Leaders of Influence: Attorneys." *Benchmark Litigation* honored Mr. Andrade in its 2023 rankings and *Thomson Reuters* placed Mr. Andrade on its list of Southern California "Super Lawyers" for the past seven years based on his high degree of peer recognition and achievements. Mr. Andrade was recognized on the 2023 "Best Lawyers" list for Commercial Litigation.

Mr. Andrade has also been long committed to various legal and community organizations. In 2021, he became a Board Member of the California Minority Counsel Program (CMCP). Since 2020, he has Co-Chaired a major committee for the National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF). In 2011, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors appointed him to serve on LA County's Redistricting Commission. From 2003 to 2011, Mr. Andrade served on the National Board of Governors for the Hispanic National Bar Association with four years on the HNBA's Executive Committee as Vice President of Programs and National Secretary. Locally, Mr. Andrade served three terms on the Board for the Mexican American Bar Association (as Trustee and Secretary). He and the firm also support numerous youth and community-focused non-profit organizations.

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EDUCATION

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

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WRITS & APPEALS

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

- Aegis Communications Group, Inc.
- Archdiocese of Los Angeles
- Case Credit Corporation
- Dillard's
- Ford Motor Company
- Guadalupe Radio
- 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

J.M.G. v. LAUSD

Mr. Andrade successfully defended a difficult and complex matter with ten plaintiffs, obtaining a full defense verdict after a four-week jury trial with five Plaintiffs seeking \$24.5 million in damages. The *Los Angeles Daily Journal* recognized this result as a Top Defense Verdict. That trial result allowed for the entire litigation with all ten plaintiffs to be subsequently resolved.

Multiple v. LAUSD

Mr. Andrade successfully led the defense of numerous other high-profile tort (multi-plaintiff and single plaintiff) cases, resolving several via successful motions for summary judgment and judgment on the pleadings. One was resolved via a damages-only jury

trial, and many others were resolved in successful settlements.

NEW CENTURY v. LIBERTY MUTUAL ET AL.

In a complex, multi-million-dollar coverage dispute against its former insurer and broker, Mr. Andrade prepared the entire case for trial, obtaining a pre-trial settlement with the broker, and then, second chaired the jury trial that settled against the insurer for full policy limits after week three.

LAUSD v. CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Mr. Andrade has handled numerous appeals in an ongoing dispute with the Department of Health Care Services over its Medi-Cal reimbursement formula and audit process with over \$10 million at issue. This representation has included numerous informal administrative hearings and a two-week formal administrative trial.

LANGAN v. CASKEY & HOLZMAN ET AL.

Mr. Andrade handled a complex, high-profile three-week bench trial for the former head of security for Broadcom and its billionaire founder to extinguish the attorneys' fees lien of two overly greedy plaintiff law firms. Trial resulted in 21-page decision by Judge Kevin Brazile fully extinguishing the liens.

PERSON v. FORD MOTOR CO.

Mr. Andrade second chaired a six-week jury trial in a complex business litigation trial matter over the alleged breach of a franchise agreement and breach of the duty of good faith and fair dealing.

HENRY H. GONZALEZ

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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, public entity defense, employment matters, copyright and trademark law. These matters involve contract disputes, catastrophic injury, 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 multi-million 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 matters involving 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 entities in various cases, including appeals involving amicus briefs in the Ninth Circuit and California Supreme Court.

Mr. Gonzalez was recognized on the 2023 "Best Lawyers" list for Commercial Litigation.

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- University of California at Berkeley, 1995

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- Los Angeles Unified School District
- County of Los Angeles
- City of Long Beach
- City of Santa Monica
- The Educational Legal Alliance of the California School Boards Association
- Symantec Corporation
- The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.
- Guess?, Inc.
- Stratus Film Co.

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.

STEPHEN V. MASTERSON

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Stephen V. Masterson is a Partner at the Firm. He 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 was honored by *Benchmark Litigation* in its 2023 guide as a "Litigation Star" and *Thomson Reuters* placed him on its list of Southern California "Super Lawyers." He is also a past Chair of the Insurance Law Committee of the State Bar of California.

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- 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

EDUCATION

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

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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)
- "In the Wake of Y2K." *International Distribution Law*. C. Slefarth & D. Campbell, 2001, The Year 2000 and Beyond: Liability and Insurance for Computer Code Problems (CCH, 2000), Contributing author.

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).
- "Safe and Sound, L.L.P.: Insurance Coverage Can Protect Law Firms Against Disaster," *Texas Lawyer* (July 16, 2001).

- "It May Be Possible to Reconstruct Insurance Policy Lost in the Flood," *Houston Business Journal* (June 22, 2001).
- "Damage Definition: Coverage Between the Bright Lines of Powerline' and 'Foster Gardner,'" *Los Angeles Daily Journal* (February 15, 2001).

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).

ERIC D. MASON

Eric D. Mason graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law, Order of the Coif, and received his B.A. from the University of California, San Diego, magna cum laude. Mr. Mason has extensive experience representing corporate and individual clients in a broad range of complex commercial and insurance coverage litigation matters in state and federal trial and appellate courts across the country. Mr. Mason began his legal career at the Los Angeles office of Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP, where he represented Fortune 500 companies including national banks, media companies, aerospace manufacturers, and consumer product retailers in high-profile consumer class actions, intellectual property litigation, environmental litigation, and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act investigations, among other matters. He has also represented individual business owners in partnership, corporate ownership, and licensing disputes, and has experience with international discovery issues.

Mr. Mason also represents policyholders in complex insurance recovery disputes, including those involving business tort, intellectual property, and employment related claims.

Mr. Mason has been recognized as a Southern California Super Lawyers "Rising Star" by *Thomson Reuters* for the years 2015 to 2018.

After law school, Mr. Mason served as a judicial clerk for U.S. District Judge Valerie Baker Fairbank of the Central District of California. During law school, he served as Senior Editor of the UCLA Law Review, was a distinguished advocate and board member of the Moot Court Honors Program and served as a law clerk at the Orange County District Attorney's Office.

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- United States District Court for the Southern District of California
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law, Order of the Coif
- B.A., University of California, San Diego, Revelle College, magna cum laude

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REPRESENTATIVE CASES

CUTLER v. AZUR PHARMA INTERNATIONAL III LIMITED

Represented the seller of a pharmaceutical business in a post-acquisition contract and business tort dispute relating to the payment of earn-outs on the sale.

GREAT AMERICAN E&S INSURANCE COMPANY v. AD.COM INTERACTIVE MEDIA, INC.
Successfully Represented policyholder in declaratory judgment and rescission action by carrier.

KHOURI v. BROAD REACH CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC, ET AL.

Represented real estate investment fund managers in litigation against their former co-manager involving allegedly improper accounting and breaches of proprietary information and employee non-solicitation agreements.

IN RE: CHECKING ACCOUNT OVERDRAFT LITIGATION

Represented a national bank in consumer class action multi-district litigation alleging unfair business practices relating to checking account overdraft fee practices.

NBCUNIVERSAL, ET AL. v. FILMONX

Represented the major broadcast television networks in copyright litigation involving the unauthorized retransmission of broadcast television programming over the Internet.

ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT v. SABIC, ET AL.

Represented manufacturer in multi-defendant action brought by regional water district alleging contamination of groundwater wells.

ROOSEVELT IRRIGATION DISTRICT v. SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT ET AL.

Represented manufacturer in multi-defendant action brought by regional irrigation district alleging contamination of groundwater wells. Successfully obtained disqualification of plaintiff's counsel due to conflict of interest.

AIDE ONTIVEROS

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Aide Cristina Ontiveros graduated from UCLA School of Law and obtained her bachelor's degree in history from University of California at Los Angeles with honors.

An experienced litigator for three decades, Ms. Ontiveros' practice includes commercial litigation, ally types of personal injuries, including catastrophic injuries, wrongful death, motor vehicle and trucking accidents, products and premises liability, mold, asbestos, and toxic torts, sexual harassment, and employment litigation. Whether it is federal or state court, Ms. Ontiveros has successfully taken many cases to trial and has delivered numerous trial victories. Ms. Ontiveros has also provided counsel on ethics issues, has litigated cases involving professional malpractice, and has extensive experience with wills, trusts, and estates.

Having represented numerous international clients from Canada, Japan and Mexico, including hotels and resorts, and local homeowner associations throughout Southern California, many of her cases have involved large, complicated, and complex litigation issues.

Prior to joining the firm and because of her diverse litigation skills, Ms. Ontiveros held numerous positions at numerous firms, including Senior Associate, Of Counsel, Partner, Head of Litigation, and Los Angeles liaison for the Latin American Practice Group. From practicing for ten years at one of the nation's largest National Firms to overseeing a midsize firm's litigation department across all offices statewide, Ms. Ontiveros has set herself apart as a true champion for her clients, delivering results through motions, arbitrations, mediations, settlements, and trials.

While in law school, Ms. Ontiveros clerked for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office where she prosecuted preliminary hearings and juvenile trials. She also clerked for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. During her third year of law school, she was the Editor-in-Chief of the Chicano-Latino Law Review and Co-President of the La Raza Law Students Association.

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VICTOR CANNON

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Victor Cannon graduated from Yale University and earned his law degree from the University of California, Los Angeles. Mr. Cannon's practice includes complex commercial litigation, white-collar, regulatory, and corporate investigation matters, sexual harassment and employment discrimination, insurance coverage disputes, and catastrophic personal injury cases.

An accomplished trial lawyer, Mr. Cannon has extensive experience litigating both civil and criminal cases in federal and state court. For 17 years, Mr. Cannon served as a Federal Public Defender, representing clients in a wide range of complex matters including all types of white-collar fraud, such as mail and wire fraud, bank fraud, money laundering, embezzlement, theft of government property, and false statements. He has also successfully tried over 50 cases to a jury, including some of the most challenging criminal cases involving illegal possession of weapons, explosive devices, drugs and trafficking, postal offenses, immigration offenses, bank robberies, and even the first internet hate crime prosecution in the United States.

While in law school, Mr. Cannon served as Managing Editor and Editor In Chief of UCLA Law School's National Black Law Journal. He also served on the Moot Court Honors Board and was on the winning team of the Law School's Moot Court competition.

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BLANCA CHAVEZ

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Blanca Chavez earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology with a minor in Gender Studies from the University of California, Los Angeles, and her law degree from Southwestern Law School where she obtained a Dean's Merit Scholarship and was in the top 10% of her class.

As an associate, Ms. Chavez handles a wide variety of matters from catastrophic personal injury and mass tort cases to commercial business and insurance coverage disputes, and employment litigation.

As a first-generation college student, raised by working-class immigrants, Ms. Chavez takes pride in being actively involved in the legal community by supporting bar associations, non-profit organizations, and mentoring programs. In law school, she served on the Moot Court Honors Program, the Southwestern Law Review, and was a senior writing fellow for her law school's writing center. She also externed for the Honorable Dean D. Pregerson in the United States District Court, Central District of California and interned for the Professional Standards Division of the City of Los Angeles Fire Department. During her second year of law school, Ms. Chavez was co-president of the Latino Law Student Association.

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Chayanm E. “CJ” Garcia received his business master’s degree from the University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business. He graduated from Southwestern Law School and obtained his bachelor’s degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Mr. Garcia is an experienced litigator with government and business experience and expertise. A decorated U.S. Army combat veteran, he separated from active-duty military service with the rank of Captain. He has experience advising clients in all types of matters from pre-litigation to trial. Because of his deep interest in understanding the complexities of different business and commercial matters, he obtained his master’s degree in business from USC.

Prior to joining the Firm, Mr. Garcia worked for a general practice law firm where he handled a wide range of litigation. He also worked as a Law Clerk for the California Department of Justice – Consumer Protection Section.

In the military, Mr. Garcia served in numerous roles, including Strategy and Operations Planner, Company Commander, Director of Operations, Chief of Operations and Battle Captain. He deployed to Helmand Province, Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom’s Sentinel and was awarded numerous honors including the Bronze Star Medal.

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