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Called a “Big Gun” and “High Profile” by the *San Francisco Chronicle* and the *Recorder*, and a “Top Law Firm” by the *National Law Journal*, Lafayette & Kumagai LLP is a boutique minority-owned litigation firm that specializes in business torts, employment, complex litigation and trials. The twenty-three-year-old firm has earned a reputation for excellence and for providing strong advocacy. Lafayette & Kumagai received the 2011 Minority-Owned Law Firm Client Service Award, presented by the California Minority Counsel Program for outstanding client service. The firm has been listed in “Litigation Kings” for 2012 and in “Who Represents America’s Biggest Companies?” for 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014 and 2015, in *Corporate Counsel* magazine’s annual report on the law firms most used by the *Fortune* 100. For 2013 and 2015, Lafayette & Kumagai has been recognized as a “Go-To Law Firm for the Top 500 Companies” for our Labor & Employment practice. Alameda City Manager (and former Oakland City Attorney) John Russo noted to the *Recorder*, “... political players involved in a case may dictate which firm is chosen. Mayor [and California Governor] Jerry Brown, for example, likes to use San Francisco’s Lafayette & Kumagai.”

Headed by a core of seasoned litigators, the firm has handled a number of high-profile and high-exposure cases on behalf of institutional and public entity clients and is frequently contacted to take over cases from other firms, particularly cases that appear headed for trial. Lafayette & Kumagai’s big-firm trained attorneys utilize a full range of litigation approaches to resolving cases, including mediations and other methods of early dispute resolution.

Brian H. Chun, Senior Associate, Lafayette & Kumagai LLP

Brian H. Chun graduated from Stanford University in 1997 with a degree in Philosophy. He earned his Juris Doctorate in 2001 from Northwestern University, where he was a Senior Articles Editor for the *Journal of Criminal Law & Criminology*.

Prior to joining Lafayette & Kumagai, Mr. Chun worked as an associate at the law firm of Bingham McCutchen LLP in San Francisco where he practiced complex commercial litigation. Mr. Chun’s current practice focuses on civil litigation matters with an emphasis on employment law. Mr. Chun has been 2nd chair for three employment litigation trials with Mr. Lafayette, including a three-month sexual harassment trial involving three plaintiffs, in which the firm won a defense verdict for its client, as well as a District Court employment trial in which the firm obtained a Judgment as a Matter of Law. Mr. Chun has prevailed in three Motions for Summary Judgment in employment matters since coming to the firm. In addition, he has handled a number of contract and union arbitrations. Mr. Chun has handled employment litigation matters on behalf of *Fortune* 500 clients AT&T Services, Inc., Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Comcast, Microsoft Corporation, Home Depot, Prudential Insurance Company and Macy’s, Inc.

Mr. Chun has been recognized in the Northern California *Rising Stars* list for 2010 through 2015. He is a member of the Bar Association of San Francisco, the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area and the Korean American Bar Association of Northern California. Mr. Chun is admitted to practice before all courts of the State of California, the United States District Court for the Northern and Central Districts of California and the United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit.