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Practice Areas:

Mr. Valdespino practices in the following areas:

Insurance Coverage Litigation
Insurance Bad Faith Litigation
Class and Collective Action Litigation
Unfair Competition Litigation
Complex Commercial Litigation
Entertainment Law

Representative Matters:

- Represented national insurance company in numerous state and federal court actions to rescind over $20 million in fraudulently obtained life insurance policies.

- Obtained favorable settlement in state court action for national insurance company alleged to have committed securities fraud and civil RICO violations in connection with the Bernie Madoff and Allen Stanford ponzi schemes through the sale of variable annuities.

- Obtained dismissal with prejudice for national insurance company in two separate federal court actions where plaintiffs alleged breach of contract, bad faith, elder abuse, fraud, and civil RICO violations relating to multi-million dollar life insurance policies.

- Represented several carriers on coverage dispute over the historic $50 million cleanup of the San Diego Harbor.

- Advised and represented national insurance companies on insurance coverage and bad faith matters in federal and state court.

- Advised music production and event promotion company on copyright, antitrust, and privacy issues and reviewed promotion/artists contracts.

Reported Decisions:

- *First Mercury Ins. Co. v. Great Divide Ins. Co., 203 F.Supp.3d 1043(N.D. Cal. 2017)*

- *Murphy v. Am. General Life Ins. Co., 74 F.Supp.3d 1267 (C.D. Cal. 2015)(granting motion to dismiss with leave to amend); Murphy v. Am. General Life Ins. Co., 2015 WL 4379834 (C.D. Cal. July 15, 2015)(granting motion to dismiss with prejudice)*

- *Joseph v. Kaye, 2016 WL 3777142 (C.D. Cal. July 7, 2016)(aff'd 9th Cir. May 31, 2017)*

Publications:

- Shifting *Viewpoints: The Foreign Trade Antitrust Improvement Act, A Substantive or Jurisdictional Approach*, Texas International Law Journal Vol. 45 No.2, 457 (2009)

Education:

University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas
J.D., *with Honors*, 2010

Honors & Activities:
Articles and Notes Editor, Texas International Law Journal
Fellow, Rapoport Center for Human Rights
Member, Chicano/Hispanic Law Students Association

University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas
B.A., 2002

Professional Activities:

- American Bar Association

- Los Angeles County Mexican American Bar Association

Bar and Court Admissions:

- State Bars of California and Texas

- Admitted to practice in the United States District Courts for the Northern, Central, Eastern and Southern Districts of California; the United States District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas; and all Courts of the State of California and all Courts of the State of Texas