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### **Practice Areas:**

Mr. Williams practices in the following areas:

Appellate Litigation  
Financial Services Litigation  
Intellectual Property & Trade Secrets  
Class & Collective Action Litigation

### **Representative Matters:**

- Successfully briefed and argued numerous appeals in various state and federal appellate courts on behalf of client financial services organizations, achieving full affirmation of lower court judgment or dismissal via motion (where client acted as appellee or respondent), reversal (where client acted as appellant or petitioner), or favorable settlement. Successfully opposed numerous motions for en banc rehearing, as well as several petitions for further review to state supreme court.
- Managed entire trademark portfolio for international financial and management services company, handling all aspects of trademark registration, maintenance, compliance, and administrative proceedings in United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”) along with international jurisdictions.
- In case of first impression, represented subordinate lienholder on appeal from order distributing surplus proceeds following foreclosure of real property. Prevailed on argument that surplus claim was timely filed within sixty days of foreclosure “sale,” where “sale” was properly defined as date title to property was ultimately conveyed rather than date of foreclosure auction. Successfully opposed motions for rehearing and rehearing *en banc*.
- Represented trademark holder in registration proceedings in *inter partes* appeal before Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, winning reversal of USPTO’s refusal to register trademark on ground of likelihood of confusion with similar marks.

- Represented liquor distribution company in proceedings before USPTO for registration of company's signature "llama" silhouette trademark, winning reversal of USPTO's position that potential confusion with similar marks was likely to occur.
- On appeal from denial of discharge in Chapter 7 bankruptcy proceeding, successfully obtained affirmance of judgment by Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel after arguing that bankruptcy court's "totality of the circumstances" analysis prevailed over debtor's technical fact-by-fact approach.
- On rehearing from negative opinion from Texas Court of Appeals concerning trial court's personal jurisdiction over opposing party, successfully obtained dissenting opinion from panel, placing client in excellent position to seek further review before Texas Supreme Court.
- Represented national financial services organization on appeal from denial of motion for attorneys' fees following voluntary dismissal of complaint. Prevailed after successfully arguing that law of the jurisdiction did not permit award of "prevailing party" attorneys' fees when dismissal was filed for strategic reasons unrelated to the merits of the lawsuit. Successfully opposed motions for rehearing, rehearing *en banc*, and certification of conflict to Florida Supreme Court.
- Represented national financial services organization on appeal from judgment of dismissal following successful demurrer to complaint, where plaintiffs had alleged that client had improperly securitized home loan. Despite conflict of authority among California appellate courts on issue, prevailed after successfully arguing that cases finding against plaintiff were properly decided. Successfully opposed petition for review to California Supreme Court.
- Represented national financial services organization on appeal from judgment of dismissal following successful demurrer to complaint, where plaintiffs had alleged that client had improperly securitized home loan. Despite conflict of authority among California appellate courts on issue, prevailed after successfully arguing that cases finding against plaintiff were properly decided. Successfully opposed petition for review to California Supreme Court.
- Obtained full defense summary judgment and denial of class certification motion for client cable provider in wage-and-hour action filed by putative class of current and former employees, alleging that client had failed to provide employees with accurate wage statements, and failed to timely pay wages.
- Obtained full defense summary judgment for client cable provider in wage-and-hour action filed by putative class of current and former employees, alleging that employer had systematically miscalculated employees' "regular rate of pay."
- Represented client national fast food chain in lease dispute with landlord, defending against landlord's allegations of lease violations and demand for increased rent. In response to landlord's demand, filed preemptive federal court lawsuit for declaratory relief, leading to near-immediate settlement on favorable terms for client.

- Represented employer in lawsuit filed by former employee alleging wrongful termination, age/disability/sex discrimination, and improper overtime classification, litigated matter through discovery phase and obtained favorable settlement at mediation prior to filing of summary judgment papers.
- Represented secured lender in action against title insurance company for breach of contract, successfully opposing insurer's motion for summary judgment and various motions to compel discovery, leading to favorable settlement on the eve of trial.
- Obtained judgment of reformation to correct faulty language in deed of trust that had depreciated value of client's lien in real property.

### **Education:**

**University of California, Los Angeles School of Law**, Los Angeles, California  
J.D., 2010

#### **Honors:**

Dean's Merit Scholarship Recipient  
Outstanding Brief Writer & Executive Officer, UCLA Moot Court Honors Program  
Senior Articles Editor, *UCLA Journal of Law & Technology*

**University of Southern California**, Los Angeles, California  
B.S., 2007

#### **Honors & Activities:**

Dean's Scholarship Recipient  
Member, Order of Omega Leadership Society  
Member, Alpha Lambda Delta & Gamma Sigma Alpha Scholarship Societies

### **Published Decisions:**

Reported Decisions:

- *TMX Holdings, Inc. v. Wellshire*, 515 S.W.3d 1 (Tex. App. 2016)
- *Vitalich v. The Bank of New York*, 569 B.R. 502 (N.D. Cal. 2016)
- *Straub v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*, 182 So. 3d 878 (Fla. 4th DCA 2016)
- *Vazquez v. TWC Admin.*, 254 F.Supp.3d 1220 (C.D. Cal. 2015)
- *HSBC Bank USA, N.A. v. Perez*, 165 So. 3d 696 (Fla. 4th DCA 2015)
- *Roldan v. Citibank, N.A.*, 149 So. 3d 711 (Fla. 3rd DCA 2014)
- *Lidonna v. JP Morgan Chase*, 139 So. 3d 886 (Fla. 2014)

#### Selected Unreported Decisions:

- In re Ellison, 2017 WL 3976304 (9th Cir. BAP 2017)
- Harvin v. JPMorgan, 696 F. App'x 987 (11th Cir. 2017)
- Dragash v. FNMA, 700 F. App'x 939 (11th Cir. 2017)
- Dialog E, LLC v. Select Mgmt. Resources, LLC, A17A0515 (Ga. Ct. App. 2017)
- Taylor & Lieberman v. Federal Ins. Co., --681 F. App'x --627 (9th Cir. 2017)
- In re Brookwood Funding, LLC, 2016 WL 1045682 (T.T.A.B. 2016)
- Beepot v. JPMorgan Chase, 626 F. App'x 935 (11th Cir. 2015)
- Spizzirri v. JPMorgan Chase, 592 F. App'x 599 (9th Cir. 2015)
- Fontes v. U.S. Bank Nat'l Ass'n, 2014 WL 2772402 (Cal. Ct. App. 2014)
- Miner v. Chase Home Fin., 2014 WL 2466903 (Cal. Ct. App. 2014)
- Adams v. JP Morgan Chase, 2013 WL 6668792 (Cal. Ct. App. 2013)

#### **Professional Activities:**

- Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable Suzanne H. Segal, United States District Court for the Central District of California
- Judicial Extern for the Honorable Fred Woods, the Honorable Nora M. Manella and the Honorable Miriam A. Vogel, California Court of Appeal, Second District
- Certified as an Appellate Law Specialist by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization
- Fellow, American Board of Trial Advocates
- Selected to "Rising Stars" list published by *Southern California Super Lawyers* and *Los Angeles Magazine* in the field of Appellate Law, 2015-2018

#### **Bar and Court Admissions:**

- State Bar of California

- Admitted to practice in the United States District and Bankruptcy Courts for the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Central Districts of California, as well as the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth and Eleventh Circuits