



Hanson Bridgett Practice Group Litigation and Dispute Resolution

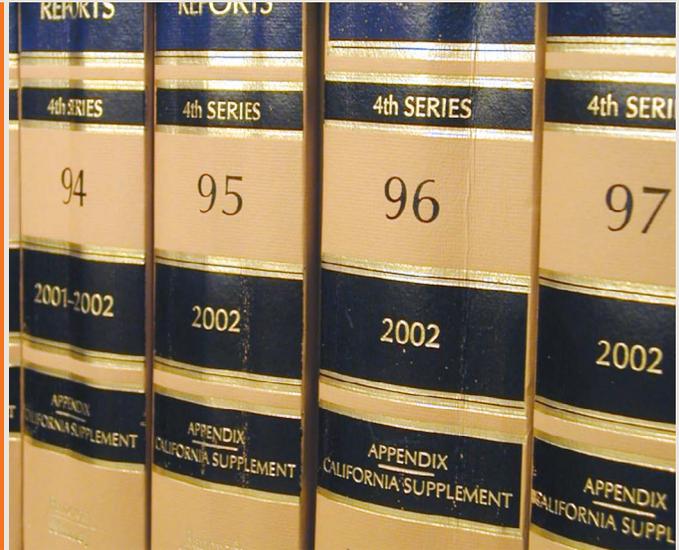
Hanson Bridgett's litigators provide custom solutions to help clients achieve results that matter. We balance cost effective litigation management tools with time tested techniques to find advantages during all phases of a dispute from discovery through arbitration, mediation or trial.

Our Experience

The firm's litigation practice spans many substantive areas and includes deep experience at all levels of research, investigation, discovery, project management, alternative dispute resolution, trial, and appeal. When problems arise, we work closely with the client to identify and master the key issues and objectives, and we map a strategy for resolving the dispute in keeping with the client's goals and means. By taking a proactive stance, we create options for resolving disputes while helping the client understand and manage the risks and benefits of each potential path.

Our Approach

We are no strangers to the courtroom. We have won many important victories that have generated headlines. Time has shown, however, that our greatest victories are those that avoid the courts altogether. Our methods of careful planning, strategic analysis and open communication produce satisfied, well informed clients who continue to work with Hanson Bridgett for many years.



Major Areas of Focus

Appellate Practice

We regularly handle matters before the state and federal appellate courts, including writs, appeals, stays, and petitions for review.

Banking and Finance

We represent financial institutions in foreclosures and receiverships, and work closely with our clients to efficiently manage these processes to achieve effective and successful results. We also represent lenders, servicers, trustees and custodians in other actions affecting interests in real property, including partitions and quiet title actions, as well as all aspects of litigation that can arise from managing, acquiring, selling or developing real property. We are skilled at obtaining provisional remedies to protect our clients' interests and strengthen their bargaining position at the outset.

Commercial Litigation

Our commercial litigators address disputes involving contracts, business formation, complex litigation, class actions, consumer litigation, commercial collections, franchises, antitrust, unfair competition, business torts, trade secrets, and a variety of administrative proceedings.

Construction Litigation

Hanson Bridgett has a national construction practice focusing on complex projects. We defend and prosecute major construction claims including delay, impact, and loss of efficiency issues.

Criminal Litigation

Our lawyers have experience handling all stages of a criminal case, including Grand Jury proceedings, internal investigations, pre-filing negotiations, court hearings, trials, and post-trial proceedings. Our team includes former prosecutors and government enforcement attorneys with critical experience on both sides of the courtroom. We handle criminal and quasi-criminal matters in several substantive areas of the law, including antitrust, environmental, public corruption, mail fraud (including mortgage and bank fraud), internet crimes, and embezzlement. We have conducted internal investigations for companies under investigation or victimized by criminal conduct and have positive relationships with local District Attorney's Offices and United States Attorney's Offices. We work with highly qualified private investigators and technical experts when appropriate, and work closely with our clients to develop effective legal strategies.

Environmental Litigation

Our environmental lawyers have significant civil and criminal trial experience and also handle complex arbitrations and mediations. We represent companies in high-stakes litigation regarding water rights, contaminated property, hazardous waste, toxic substances, and air and water quality. We defend civil and criminal enforcement actions



and handle private lawsuits for our clients, which include large corporations, small companies, and individuals. Our attorneys have deep expertise in the major federal and state environmental laws, including CERCLA (Superfund), RCRA, the Clean Water Act, the Porter-Cologne Act, the Clean Air Act, EPCRA, CEQA/NEPA, Proposition 65, the Endangered Species Act, and water rights laws across the western United States.

Governmental/Public Agency Litigation

We represent government agencies of all levels and sizes, providing both affirmative and defense litigation services. We regularly litigate matters involving code enforcement, alleged dangerous condition of public property and other personal injury matters, civil rights defenses in the law enforcement and correctional facility contexts, Constitutional litigation under the First, Fourth, Eighth, and 14th amendments, as well as under Title II, VI and VII, as well as inverse condemnation, takings, and other land use issues. In addition, we provide various risk assessment and litigation management services to our government clients.

Health Care and Senior Housing & Care Litigation

We handle disputes for health care providers such as hospitals, physician groups, skilled nursing facilities and all types of senior housing and care facilities. We litigate complex business matters, regulatory health citations and federal deficiencies, and claims involving elder abuse, professional negligence, unfair business practices, managed care, medical staff credentialing and peer review matters, and Medicare and Medical fraud and reimbursement.

Insurance Recovery Litigation

Hanson Bridgett's insurance recovery group represents policyholders (insureds), insurance agents, and brokers in a full range of coverage disputes.

Intellectual Property

We handle a wide range of intellectual property matters including copyrights, trademarks, domain names, trade secrets, patents, unfair competition, false advertising, defamation, rights of publicity and privacy, and licenses.

Labor and Employment

We represent employers faced with a broad spectrum of employment-related problems and claims, including governmental immunity, the Tort Claims Act, Title VII, the Fair Employment and Housing Act, American With Disabilities Act, ERISA, wrongful termination, Unruh Act, infliction of emotional distress, interference of prospective economic advantage, Section 132a, and alleged whistleblowing.

Product Liability

The firm represents manufacturers, distributors and retailers in product liability, mass tort, toxic exposure, and catastrophic injury cases. We defend cases involving claims of manufacturing and design defect, failure to warn, breach of warranty, unfair local, regional and coordinating counsel, and in those capacities we have developed strategies to streamline litigation, making it more efficient and cost effective.

Real Estate Litigation

Our matters include commercial lease disputes, rent collection, foreclosures, evictions, title actions, and eminent domain actions. We also represent commercial property owners in tenant bankruptcies nationwide.

Transportation and Logistics

We are a national leader in representing companies involved in all modes of transportation, offering expertise and practical solutions to any transportation-related concern.

Trust & Estate Litigation

The Trusts and Estate Litigation Group is uniquely qualified to represent fiduciaries and beneficiaries in all types of disputes. Our team combines the advocacy skills of experienced trial lawyers with the specialized tax and administration knowledge of our probate and estate planning attorneys. This integration of litigation and administration resources gives the group unsurpassed ability to analyze and address every aspect of trust and estate litigation.