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Areas of Focus

- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Construction
- Real Estate
- Cannabis Law

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Andrew served as Hanson Bridgett's Managing Partner for nearly 20 years. Under his leadership, the firm grew to be in the top 10 firms in Northern California and expanded operations to Sacramento, Los Angeles, and the East Bay. Andrew was a key driver of the firm's nationally recognized DEIJ initiatives and as a thoughtful leader in sustainable business practices.

Andrew is a market-leading, Chambers-listed trial lawyer, with particular knowledge in construction and real estate. He has acted as lead trial counsel on many large, complex matters. He also assists clients with significant strategic engagements, including those that have important political or reputational components.

Andrew is a part of the firm's Construction, Land Use, and Government Relations practices and has personal relationships with local, state, and federal elected officials at the highest levels.

Representative Work

McWhinney. Obtained a jury verdict of $156 million in a fraud case in federal court for McWhinney relating to a real estate partnership dispute.

Deacon Builders. Obtained $19 million arbitration award for Deacon Builders and defeated all owner's claims for a 300-unit apartment building in Silicon Valley.

Millennium Tower. Represented geotechnical engineer in the Millennium Tower litigation.

Terra Insurance. Acts as outside general counsel for Terra Insurance.

America's Cup Event Authority. Represented the America's Cup Event Authority as outside general counsel in matters relating to the implementation of the America's Cup event in San Francisco.

Prologis. Advised Prologis as outside litigation counsel with nationwide responsibility for overseeing its construction, real estate, and environmental litigation projects, including a $90 million affirmative claim for infrastructure reimbursement under a development and owner participation agreement.

Prologis. Defeated a $300 million claim by Cisco System against Prologis in a four-month arbitration involving claims for the proposed development of the A's Stadium in Fremont.

Kiewit. Represented Kiewit in a successful two-month, eight-figure arbitration against the City of Redding regarding differing site conditions encountered during the construction of a bridge across the Sacramento River.

Prologis. Defended an eight-week, eight-figure claim adjudicated at court in San Bernardino against Prologis involving disputed water rights.

Intercontinental Hotel. Prosecuted a $90 million construction claim on behalf of the Intercontinental Hotel in a jury trial in San Francisco. The case settled to the client's extreme satisfaction after two weeks in trial.

Municipality. Represented a major municipality in a series of construction and constitutional claims seeking in excess of $81 million in damages, including a three-week jury trial in federal court.

Irrigation district. Representation of a regional irrigation district with defective construction of a water treatment plant requiring in excess of $30 million in corrective work.

Music conservatory. Counseled a world-class music conservatory in connection with contractor claims for additional costs relating to the construction of its new education and performance facility.

University. Advised a major university against a contractor's claim for additional costs arising from MEP conflicts at a research and teaching facility.

Real estate developer. Represented national real estate developer in connection with the remediation of defective infrastructure improvements in San Francisco.

Developer. Represented a west coast developer of residential towers on the first LEED® Certified condominium project in San Francisco in connection with claims for contractor delays and insurance coverage.

University. Provided counsel to major university in connection with construction of a world-class hospital and research facility in San Francisco.

Defense contractor. Lead representation for international defense contractor in connection with claims relating to the Iraq and Afghanistan war efforts and the federal government project to remediate waste and debris in New Orleans following hurricane Katrina.

Publications

"Guidelines for Contractors Responding to COVID-19," co-author, *Construction Law Alert* (April 2020)

"Risk Management Advisory: Considerations for Engineers in Responding to COVID-19," co-author, *Construction Law Alert* (March 2020)

Presentations

"Corporate Leaders – Walking The Talk," co-speaker, Gender Leadership Group BetterMan Conference: Empowered Leadership through Gender Partnership (April 2016)

"Globalaw Women's Lawyer Group," co-speaker, Globalaw Americas Regional Meeting (March 2016)

"Constitutional Convention Process: Presentation & Discussion," The California Constitutional Convention Summit (February 2009)

Press

"Hanson Bridgett Helps Secure Approval for Landmark Housing and Senior Living Community in Marin County," Hanson Bridgett Press Release (June 2026)

"Settlement That Could End Ranching in Point Reyes National Seashore Said to be Near as Farmworkers Sue to Halt Deal," *The Press Democrat* (December 2024)

"Point Reyes Farm Workers Sue National Park Service Over Housing Crisis," *Daily Journal* (December 2024)

“Hanson Bridgett Files Suit Against National Park Service to Protect Ranch Workers’ Homes, Jobs,” Hanson Bridgett Press Release (December 2024)

“Attorney, Advocates Rally to the Cause of Point Reyes Farmworkers as Secret Talks Decide Future of Farming in Park,” *The Press Democrat* (October 2024)

“Rep. Jared Huffman Supports Point Reyes Farmworkers’ Bid to Join Secret Talks on Future of Seashore Ranches,” *The Press Democrat* (October 2024)

“Marin Lawyer Aims to Help Point Reyes Farmland Residents Stay Housed,” *Marin Independent Journal* (October 2024)

“Hanson Bridgett’s Andrew Giacomini Takes Legal Action in Support of Farmworker Housing and Agriculture,” Hanson Bridgett Press Release (October 2024)

“Hanson Bridgett Attys Showcase Musical, Culinary Passions,” *Law360* (October 2022)

“Deacon Builders, LLC’s $19 Million Arbitration Award,” *Global Legal Chronicle* (July 2021)

“How Hanson Bridgett Took A $156M Case Over The Finish Line,” *Law360* (June 2021)

“Law Firm Diversity Roundtable,” *Law Journal Newsletters* (August 2019)

“Calif. Housing Industry Watching Gov.’s $750M Incentive Plan,” *Law360* (March 2019)

“New Year’s Resolution for 2016…Leaders Say: Embrace Change, Enhance Diversity, Write (real) Letters & Help Others,” *Of Counsel* (January 2016)

“Hanson Bridgett: Official Outside Counsel to the America’s Cup,” *San Francisco Attorney* (Summer 2012)

“Marin Resident Helps Lead Campaign for Constitutional Convention,” *Marin Independent Journal* (September 2009)

“Giacomini Brings an Irreverent Style to Firm,” *Daily Journal* (March 2009)

“Managing Partner A-List,” *Daily Journal* (March 2009)

“Reformers Debate Rewriting California Constitution,” *Associated Press* (February 2009)

“Hanson Bridgett Woos Talent Without Offering Top Dollar,” *San Francisco Daily Journal* (September 2007)

“Flatbeds Full for Food From the Bar,” *San Francisco Attorney* (Spring-Summer 2005)

“The Search for Community,” *Marin County Annual Report* (2002)

“Giacomini, 37, picked to lead legal team”, *Marin Independent Journal* (April 2000)

“Marin Lawyers win $3 Million jury verdict”, *Marin Independent Journal* (October 1995)

Honors & Awards

Legal 500’s Inaugural City Elite Rankings, Real Estate (2026)

Chambers and Partners USA, Construction (2022-2026)

Top 50 Lawyers In America (2022)

Super Lawyers, Construction Litigation (2006–2017, 2022)

California Lawyers Association, Wiley W. Manuel Pro Bono Legal Services Award (2021)

Elevation Award, The Bay Area CREW Chapters and *The Registry’s* ELEVATE Awards (2020)

NBLC Leaders of the North Bay Award, Community Building (2016)

BTI Client Service All-Star MVP (2014)

Heart of Marin Awards for Excellence in Board Leadership, nominee (2013)

Legal Aid of Marin, Marin Justice League Hall of Fame (2011)

Super Lawyers, Construction Litigation; Real Estate (2006–2023)

Professional Affiliations

Marin Agricultural Land Trust, Board of Directors

UC Law San Francisco, Board of Directors

Bar Association of San Francisco

Marin County Bar Association

Marin Community Foundation, Past Buck Family Fund Board of Trustees

Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, Past Board of Directors

Legal Aid of Marin, Past President

Bay Area Council: Executive Committee, Past Government Relations Committee and China Committee Member

North Bay Leadership Council, Past Executive Committee

Construction Lawyers Society of America, Member

American College of Construction Lawyers, Fellow

Education

J.D., UC Law San Francisco (Formerly UC Hastings) (1991)

B.A., San Francisco State University (1988)

Admissions and Courts

California