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Areas of Focus

- Real Estate
- Real Estate Litigation
- Appellate
- Cannabis Law
- Construction
- Environmental Law
- Financial Services
- Land Use
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution

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Christian represents clients in complex business disputes across a broad range of industries, with a particular focus on real estate and banking/lender liability litigation. He also has extensive experience in antitrust/unfair competition, securities, probate/trust, corporate investigations/white collar defense, employment, and intellectual property matters. His practice spans both jury and bench trials across a variety of these areas. Christian has wide-ranging experience in federal and state courts, as well as in administrative proceedings and regulatory investigations.

Christian is deeply committed to pro bono service. He regularly assists participants at Project Homeless Connect, which links vulnerable San Franciscans to critical legal and social resources. He also represents refugees seeking or who have received asylum in the United States as well as low-income tenants in unlawful detainer proceedings.

Representative Work

Obtained asylum on behalf of a woman who took a stand during the 2011 Arab uprising and Yemeni Revolution in a pro bono matter that spanned five years.

Obtained judgment at trial on behalf of a large real estate investment firm that purchased a $110 million loan from a trust established by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in connection with JP Morgan's acquisition of certain Bear Stearns assets.

Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a bank seeking to enforce the terms of a note after the borrower's default.

Represented a nonprofit organization in litigation involving the termination of a purchase and sale agreement for the purchase of a significant amount of prized real estate in Napa County, CA, held by the organization. As part of the litigation, the client was initially granted injunctive relief, preventing the defendant from taking any action clouding title to the property. After a lis pendens was subsequently filed, client's motion seeking to expunge the lis pendens was granted.

Litigated and mediated multiple securities lawsuits in state and federal courts in California and Nevada on behalf of a company providing marijuana consulting services.

Represented a global real estate investment company in a dispute and at an administrative hearing regarding
unemployment insurance benefits.

Litigated the removal to federal court, compelled arbitration and then successfully mediated on behalf of a large homebuilder, a construction defect dispute involving claims for breach of warranty and negligence.

Litigated and settled a real property dispute on behalf of a large nonprofit foundation supporting education in the Bay Area.

Settled, on behalf of an investment company providing access to an equity crowdfunding investment platform, a lawsuit filed against two of its former senior executives for breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty and fraud.

Litigated and mediated claims for breach of contract, discrimination, defamation and retaliation on behalf of a major nonprofit community hospital.

Litigated and successfully settled, on behalf of a large fitness facility operator, claims that it failed to provide requisite Proposition 65 warnings.

Litigated and mediated, on behalf of a large nonprofit foundation, a dispute involving a laboratory's failure to compound within specifications a drug necessary for research performed for the foundation.

Litigated a dispute among shareholders of a leading commercial electrical engineering and construction firm regarding a California Corporations Code section 2000 proceeding in order to avoid dissolution of the company.

Obtained complete defense after an eight-week jury trial in a product liability case.

Education

J.D., MBA, Santa Clara University School of Law (2006)

B.A., University of California, Berkeley (2000)

Admissions and Courts

California