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Practice Areas

Business & Commercial
Litigation

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Bar Memberships

California

Chris helps his clients prosecute and defend lawsuits. Over the past twenty years, Chris has handled thousands of cases for his clients – including hundreds of appellate matters – while developing a reputation for resolving disputes and providing solutions in a responsive, creative, and cost-effective manner.

Chris has an active and robust financial institution practice, assisting banks and industry participants with respect to class action and other claims arising from individual lending transactions, commercial / business loan-related litigation – including judicial foreclosure and receivership actions and collection actions – and mortgage-related litigation that spans a broad range of matters:

Defense of wrongful foreclosure and fraud claims,

Unfair business practices,

RESPA, TILA, and federal and state unfair debt collection practice claims,

Federal and state credit reporting act claims,

Lien priority disputes,

Claims involving force-placed insurance,

Misapplication of payment allegations,

Title disputes and title claims, and

Civil and criminal forfeiture actions.

In addition, Chris has extensive experience helping his clients – which include private companies, restaurants, grocery stores, public entities, and individuals – resolve a wide range of business,

commercial, real estate related disputes, including in particular trademark infringement lawsuits, licensing disputes, contract disputes, commercial lease disputes, state and national class actions, and unfair business practice lawsuits. He is also an experienced litigator on ERISA, insurance and employment matters.

Other Info About Chris

Experience

Defended a lawsuit against a start-up online appraisal business sued by the company providing the raw data they needed to offer their service. Chris developed an innovative solution that was a win-win for both parties and as such allowed his client to resolve the dispute and not only stay in business, but to flourish and expand.

Successfully represented a financial institution in a lawsuit against a mortgage loan correspondent for breaching loan correspondent agreements, and obtained a judgment in favor of his client in excess of \$6 million.

Defended Fannie Mae in a national class action in which Fannie Mae and a lender were sued for alleged violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

Resolved a real estate ownership rights dispute that threatened to break up a family-run business with a creative solution that provided a successful outcome to all parties.

Education

Cornell University, J.D., 1993

University of California at Berkeley, B.A. with honors, 1990

Professional Affiliations

Orange County Bar Association

Korean American Bar Association

Firm Committees

Ethics Committee, former Member

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