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AlvaradoSmith Victory Recognized by Top Verdict for 4th Largest Bench Award in California for 2018

Top Verdict has recognized the \$7.1 million victory in *Elks Building Association of Santa Ana v. J.K. Properties, Inc.*, secured by Kevin A. Day and Jacob M. Clark as the 4th largest bench award in California in 2018 and made its list of Top 20 Court Awards in California.

The economy of California is the largest in the U.S. and serves as a haven for out-of-state lawsuits making it one of the most litigious states in the union. With such a massive quantity of litigation, this is quite the recognition.

Clients regularly turn to AlvaradoSmith's Litigation and Appellate practice lawyers to defend lower court decisions and reverse unfavorable rulings: we have briefed cases on the merits before the U.S. Supreme Court, Ninth Circuit, and all Districts of the California Court of Appeal, as well as merits and amicus briefing before the California Supreme Court. We have obtained significant wins for our clients on appeal, including numerous published decisions, scaling back an adverse jury verdict and fee award by two-thirds, and reversing a fee denial in a precedential decision. Our attorneys also have a strong and successful appellate writ and motion practice both in federal and state courts.

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