State Cases

Eastman v. Prudential Insurance Company. Obtained a multi-million-dollar settlement following a four-week trial as co-trial counsel for the inventor of a hand-held calculator of insurance premiums in a trade secret misappropriation case against Prudential.

Unite Here Local 30 (Browning) v. City of San Diego. Counsel for union that represents hotel workers throughout North America in mandate action to nullify a tax imposed for expansion of convention center as unconstitutional without voter approval, which settled with tax nullification.

Prominade Mall Development Corp. v. P.B. Roma's, Inc. Trial counsel for landlord in action against Tony Roma's restaurant for grease contamination of soil and groundwater at beach-front property resulting in a verdict and judgment for damages, interest, attorney fees and costs.

The Crosby Estate Master Association v. The Crosby National Golf Club, LLC. Represented owner of the Crosby Golf Club against the HOA's action for breach of governing documents and nuisance, and brought a cross-complaint for interference with contract and economic advantage.

Aresh v. CalPrivate Bank, et al. Obtained the dismissal of putative class action filed against bank-client and others following three successful demurrers in a case that alleged fraudulent transfers and conspiracy relating to loans for a series of multi-million-dollar properties.

American Tool & Engineering Corp. v. Southwest Marine, Inc. Obtained an award for client, the fabricator of co-generation power systems, in arbitration over the course of a year against a shipbuilding and repair company and recovered the cost of the system and attorney fees.

American Tool & Engineering Corp. v. Golden Eagle Ins. Co. Represented the fabricator of co-generation systems in lawsuit for bad faith against its insurer for failing to provide coverage on the cross-complaint filed by Southwest Marine (see above case).

Toyo De Baja California, Inc. v. Toyo Tire & Rubber, Ltd. et al. Counsel for national tire-distributor in case against tire manufacturer for trade secret misappropriation, resulting in a multi-million-dollar settlement after Toyo's efforts failed to force arbitration in Japan.

ANI Homes v. Watt Commercial Property. Represented the owner-developer of a high-rise city-block residential development against claims by a broker that she had an ownership interest in the property for acting as developer's agent.

McKinley Nielsen Associates, Inc. v. DR Horton, Inc., et al. Represented multiple developer-owners as members of a regional planning coalition, who were coordinating each owners' developments to assist the city, in action against a recalcitrant owner-developer.

Inmobiliaria Central v. Crest International Corp. Obtained domestication of a foreign judgment after a two-week trial against an international seafood importer, with an award of attorney fees and costs under California's choice-of-law rules.

Banich v. CALSO, Ltd. (Kwan So), et al. Represented the owner of undeveloped multi-family residential property in lawsuit filed by upslope homeowners stemming from the La Costa landslides and negotiated appropriate remediation with experts and insurers.

Stephens v. City of Vista. After prevailing at trial and on appeal in federal court, settled the related state court claims arising from the City's breach of a settlement agreement, and negotiated an IRS section 1033 tax-deferred exchange, with recovery of attorney fees.

Napoleon v. City of Lemon Grove. Represented a mother and her infant son who sustained permanent injuries in a pedestrian vs. auto hit-and-run collision at a dangerous condition crosswalk that settled for a confidential amount.

Alvarez v. Regents of the University of California, U.C. Irvine Center for Reproductive Health. Represented the mother and triple infants born prematurely with birth defects at the scandalous fertility clinic run by Drs. Asch and Balmaceda using multiple IVF without consent.

Guiness Mahan Cayman Trust v. Allied Irish Banks (NY). Represented Guiness Mahan in action against bank that was responsible for investing trust funds in Arizona Roadhaven Resorts but failed to record security interests for the investments in proper counties.

Burberrys (Wholesale) Ltd. v. After Six Inc. (NY). Represented Burberrys in action against a licensee/manufacturer of rainwear and other apparel using Burberry's valuable trademarks and data after licensee purported to assign its rights to a third-party.