

CRAIG A. LIVINGSTON

CURRICULUM VITAE

5.0 (A-V) rated civil trial attorney by Martindale-Hubbell with extensive state and federal courtroom experience. Has successfully tried to verdict or arbitrated many cases, including high-exposure wrongful death and catastrophic injury matters. Frequently writes and lectures on civil trials and damages topics, particularly those in the product liability area. Selected as a "Northern California Super Lawyer" in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

EMPLOYMENT

SHAREHOLDER

Livingston Law Firm
A Professional Corporation

AUGUST 2003-PRESENT

Walnut Creek, California

General civil trial practice with particular expertise in product liability defense, including medical device and pharmaceuticals, trucking and transportation, and commercial litigation. Serves as national coordinating and trial counsel for several national and international manufacturers. Frequent lecturer and author in the areas of civil trials, damages, expert witnesses, and product liability litigation. Advisor to manufacturers on risk management issues.

PARTNER

Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP

MAY 1999-JULY 2003

San Francisco, California

Co-chair of the firm's 30-lawyer Product Liability and Mass Tort Practice Group. Maintained active civil trial practice with emphasis on product liability, aviation and general liability matters. Obtained defense verdicts for an aerial work platform manufacturer in a wrongful death action and a vertical access ladder manufacturer in a spinal cord injury action.

PARTNER

ASSOCIATE

Bronson, Bronson & McKinnon

OCTOBER 1997-APRIL 1999

OCTOBER 1990-SEPTEMBER 1997

San Francisco, California

General civil trial practice. Obtained defense verdicts for an international firearms manufacturer in a highly publicized wrongful death action arising out of an accidental shooting of a teenage boy and an aircraft manufacturer in a wrongful death action arising out of a multiple fatality air crash. Served as national coordinating counsel for aerial work platform manufacturer.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

State Bar of California; Contra Costa Bar Association; Sustaining Member - Product Liability Advisory Council; International Association of Defense Counsel; Defense Research Institute.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Settlement Mentor, Contra Costa Superior Court; Past President, Round Hill Swim Team; Director, Police and Fire: The Fallen Heroes Corporation (a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation).

PUBLICATIONS

Lessons From Jury Research: The Mythical “Safe Company” Standard And How Product Liability Defendants Can Measure Up, IADC Product Liability Committee Newsletter, 2003

Defending America’s Manufacturers: Challenges, Rewards and Successful Strategies, Inside the Minds: Leading Product Liability Lawyers – Industry Insiders on the Art & Science Behind A Successful Product Liability Practice, Aspatore Books, 2003 (contributing author)

Firearms Litigation in 2002 and Beyond, VerdictSearch Products Liability Report, 2003

National Coordinating Counsel: Controlling Product Liability Exposure and Defense Costs, For the Defense, Defense Research Institute, 2001 (Recipient of the 2002 G. Duffield Smith Outstanding Publication Award from DRI)

Admissibility of Evidence of the Absence of Prior Similar Accidents in Product Liability Cases, CEB Program Handbook, California Continuing Education of the Bar, 2000

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Preparing and Trying the Personal Injury Case, National Business Institute, 2009

Effective In-House Witness Preparation: Understanding, Promoting and Implementing Meaningful Corporate “Buy-In,” Product Liability Advisory Council Fall Conference, 2007

Personal Injury Case Management for Seasoned Litigators, National Business Institute, 2007

The Psychology of In-house Expert Witness Preparation and Testimony and The “Safe Company” Theme, Product Liability Advisory Council Spring Conference, 2006

Damages in California Civil Trial Practice, National Business Institute, 2003

Handling A Product Liability Case, California Continuing Education of the Bar, 2002

Defying Gravity in the Courtroom: Preparing and Trying the Aerial Device Case, DRI Product Liability Conference, 2002

Advanced Course of Study: Product Liability Litigation, California Continuing Education of the Bar, 2000

EDUCATION

JURIS DOCTOR

University of San Francisco School of Law

University of San Francisco Law Review, Articles Editor

MAY 1990

San Francisco, California

BACHELOR OF ARTS, LAW AND SOCIETY

University of California, Santa Barbara

JUNE 1982

Santa Barbara, California