

# CRAIG A. LIVINGSTON

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## 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

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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

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

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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Settlement Mentor, Contra Costa Superior Court; Past President, Round Hill Swim Team.

## PUBLICATIONS

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*Finding Fault with Ault: Why The Exclusion of Subsequent Design Change Evidence In Product Liability Cases Makes Sense, Even In California*, IADC Defense Counsel Journal, July 2011

*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, Aspatare 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

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*California Update: Product Liability Law*, National Business Institute, 2012

*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

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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*