

JASON G. GONG

CURRICULUM VITAE

EMPLOYMENT

An experienced civil litigator who has successfully represented clients in a wide range of matters including premises liability, toxic tort and products liability. Significant experience in business and commercial matters and defense of bad faith, life, health, disability and general liability claims. Before entering private practice, served as a judicial staff attorney for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco where he collaborated with judges on a broad range of civil appeals. With this background, has developed a growing appellate practice.

SENIOR COUNSEL

Livingston Law Firm

A Professional Corporation

OCTOBER 2007-PRESENT

Walnut Creek, California

General civil litigation and appellate practice in state and federal courts with an emphasis on commercial and business disputes, products liability and premises liability, as well as general liability defense, unfair business practices, general business torts and breach of contract. Practice also includes advising clients on potential liability and risk management issues.

SENIOR ATTORNEY

Pohls & Associates

AUGUST 2006-OCTOBER 2007

San Ramon, California

Defended financial services clients against business disputes, bad faith, unfair business practices, general tort and ERISA claims in state and federal courts. Successfully litigated preemption and Proposition 64 issues in federal court.

ASSOCIATE

Reed Smith

JANUARY 2005-JULY 2006

Oakland, California

Defended welding industry and national clients against products liability and toxic torts actions and secured voluntary dismissals and de minimus settlements. Defended major beverage manufacturer against premises liability, personal injury and general tort claims. Defended major financial services client and telecommunications client against putative class actions alleging fraud and failure to disclose.

ASSOCIATE

Fleming & Phillips

AUGUST 2000-DECEMBER 2004

Walnut Creek, California

General civil practice with an emphasis on the defense of financial services clients against unfair business practices, vicarious (agent) liability, bad faith, life, health, and disability claims. Defended national manufacturer against products liability, premises liability, personal injury, and general tort claims. Advised clients on risk management issues and measures to mitigate

potential liability. Developed national disclosure procedures for major financial services client.

ASSOCIATE
Glynn & Finley

AUGUST 1999-AUGUST 2000
Walnut Creek, California

Represented over 20 manufacturers as coordinating defense counsel in toxic tort and environmental claims under CERCLA. Defended national manufacturing clients in toxic torts, personal injury, and products liability claims. Defended major commercial and retail developer in business litigation dispute involving San Francisco Metreon entertainment center.

JUDICIAL STAFF ATTORNEY
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

OCTOBER 1995-AUGUST 1999
San Francisco, California

Managed active caseload of civil appeals involving commercial and business litigation disputes, Section 1983 civil rights, employment discrimination, ERISA, Social Security disability, Asylum, tax and bankruptcy claims.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

State Bar of California; Contra Costa Bar Association; Defense Research Institute (DRI); Member, Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) of the City of San Ramon.

EDUCATION

JURIS DOCTOR
Golden Gate University
Admitted to California Bar, December 1995

MAY 1995
San Francisco, California

Admitted to all Districts of the United States District Court in California, 2000-2001

Admitted to United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, December 1998

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
San Francisco State University

AUGUST, 1991
San Francisco, California

PERSONAL

Married, two children. Enjoys home improvement projects, gardening, entertaining family and friends and cooking on an outdoor charcoal grill.