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John is a dedicated and thoughtful attorney who takes a personal interest in the needs of his clients to help them solve their legal problems. With over 28 years representing individuals, small businesses and large corporations, John works in partnership with his clients to develop effective litigation strategies to suit their particular needs. John has extensive experience in the areas of general, professional, and product liability cases. He has also resolved cases involving commercial disputes, construction accidents, toxic and environmental exposure, and catastrophic personal injury matters. John is a 5.0 AV-rated attorney by Martindale-Hubbell.

EMPLOYMENT

SENIOR COUNSEL

Livingston Law Firm
A Professional Corporation

MARCH 2010-PRESENT

Walnut Creek, California

General civil practice, responsible for all phases of litigation in general and product liability matters including trials, pre-trial and trial strategy; discovery planning and execution including drafting and responding to written discovery and conducting party, percipient witness and expert depositions; motion practice including both drafting and responding to discovery and dispositive motions; authored settlement conference and mediation memoranda; and client reporting.

PARTNER

Jackson & Wallace LLP

FEBRUARY 2005-MARCH 2010

San Francisco, California

Trial attorney responsible for defending general liability, professional liability, and product liability matters. Handled all aspects of litigated matters from filing through final resolution. Tried or arbitrated six cases to verdict. Successfully briefed and argued procedural and dispositive motions.

PROGRAM ATTORNEY

University of California - Continuing Education of the Bar

AUGUST 1999-FEBRUARY 2005

Oakland, California

Managing attorney in charge of the Continuing Education of the Bar's (CEB) civil litigation continuing legal education curriculum. Devised and implemented 18 to 20 programs per year in the fields of litigation, legal technology, legal ethics, employment law and substantive tort theory. Served as the CEB Liaison to the Executive Committee of the State Bar of California Litigation Section.

Represented plaintiffs in a wide variety of cases, including antitrust, defamation, environmental, insurance coverage/bad faith, medical malpractice, personal injury and product liability matters. Tried one bench trial with partner, resulting in a \$6 million verdict; arbitrated six matters, all to successful verdicts.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Defense Research Institute (DRI); Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California and Nevada (ADCNC); Contra Costa County Bar Association (CCCBA).

PUBLICATIONS

- *Withdrawing from Representation? Be Careful About What You Disclose*, ADC Defense Comment (Summer 2017)
- *Finding Fault with Ault – Why the Exclusion of Subsequent Design Change Evidence in Product Liability Cases Makes Sense, Even in California*, (Co-author Craig A. Livingston), IADC Defense Counsel Journal (July 2011)

PRESENTATIONS

- *Trial Preparation*, Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California and Nevada, Basic Training Series XXIV, San Francisco, CA (October 2019)
- *Bird's-Eye View: Inception and Litigation of a New File*, Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California and Nevada, Basic Training Series XXIV, San Francisco, CA (September 2019)
- *Trending Employment Law and Diversity Issues for Silicon Valley, Mock Trial Demonstration*, National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms, Regional Conference, San Jose, CA (August 2018)
- *Preparing For, Taking & Using Depositions*, California Continuing Education of the Bar (September 2005)
- *Punitive Damages: Maximizing Your Client's Success or Minimizing Your Client's Exposure*, California Continuing Education of the Bar (January 2005)
- *Suing and Defending the Professional*, California Continuing Education of the Bar (September 2004)
- *CACI: California's New Civil Jury Instructions*, California Continuing Education of the Bar (January 2004)
- *Defending Your Client in a Misdemeanor Case*, California Continuing Education of the Bar (September 2003)
- *Fundamentals of Wrongful Employment Termination*, California Continuing Education of the Bar (September 2002)
- *Preparing Witnesses for Deposition and Trial*, California Continuing Education of the Bar (July 2002)
- *The Internet, E-Mail and Lawyers*, California Continuing Education of the Bar (January 2002)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of California - 1990
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit - 1990
- U.S. District Court
 - Northern District CA - 1990
 - Eastern District CA - 2019

EDUCATION

JURIS DOCTOR, HONORS

MAY 1990

University of San Francisco School of Law

San Francisco, California

Best Oral Argument, Moot Court: Spring, 1988. Finalist, Advocate of the Year: Fall, 1988. Represented USF School of Law in the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition: 1989 and 1990.

BACHELOR OF ARTS, ENGLISH LITERATURE

MAY 1986

Fairfield University

Fairfield, Connecticut

Member, Sigma Tau Delta - National English Honor Society

PERSONAL

Father of four musically talented children. Youth soccer referee. Dedicated swim team parent and enthusiastic meet announcer. Rabid Arsenal supporter.