



## John C. Hentschel

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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 30 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

SHAREHOLDER

**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. Tried or arbitrated three cases to verdict.

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. Successfully briefed and argued procedural and dispositive motions. Tried or arbitrated six cases to verdict.

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

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National Association of Women and Minority Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF) Product Liability Practice Action Committee; DRI; Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California and Nevada (ADCNC); Contra Costa County Bar Association (CCCBA).

## PUBLICATIONS

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- *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

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- *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 to 2023)
- *Trial Preparation*, Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California and Nevada, Basic Training Series XXIV, San Francisco, CA (October 2019)
- *Trending Employment Law and Diversity Issues for Silicon Valley, Mock Trial Demonstration*, NAMWOLF Regional Conference, San Jose, CA (August 2018)
- *Preparing For, Taking & Using Depositions*, California Continuing Education of the Bar (September 2005)
- *Masters in Trial, A trial demonstration from voir dire through jury deliberation*, American Board of Trial Advocates, October 2017
- *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

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

## EDUCATION

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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

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Father to four exceptional children; Grassroots Soccer Referee; Rabid Arsenal supporter.