

REPRESENTATION LIST

Media and Entertainment

Trial counsel in action against Microsoft for theft of trade secrets and fraud in connection with intellectual property for home entertainment.

Defense trial counsel on copyright claims based on animated characters and script involving revenues of hundreds of millions of dollars.

Defend claim for misappropriation of likeness in advertising for national sports magazine.

Review and advise on claims for accounting on television projects for major network.

Defend claims against leading talent agency for defamation based on New York newspaper article and script concerning former beauty queen depicted as "cold war sex spy."

Represent Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in claims to prevent use of Oscar theme in chain of restaurants adopting trade dress.

Defend claims for idea theft in science fiction television programs provided to Star Trek creator.

Defend claims of copyright infringement against motion picture production company for use of rap music compositions.

Prosecute claims for talent manager against television client for failure to pay commissions.

Advise production company on liability issues for reality programming for national television network.

Defend claims against television production company in relation to ownership of trademarks in reality programming on network television.

Defend multiple lawsuits against major studio, television network, toy manufacturers and artists based on use of computer manipulated childhood likeness of adult plaintiffs.

Defend claims on behalf of major motion picture studio for employee raiding and theft of trade secrets in connection with special effects for one of most successful movie trilogies in history.

Defend multiple lawsuits against major theater project owner and developer relating to construction of state of the art movie theaters in Los Angeles.

Defend claims for payment of equity participation in connection with sale of children's television network.

Advise production company in connection with theft of copies of unreleased motion picture which became most successful independent release in history.

Advise photographers in connection with United Kingdom lawsuits by film actors regarding celebrity pictures taken in New York and published in magazines in United Kingdom.

Trial counsel on behalf of "deep pocket" motion picture studio defendant in an entertainment industry trial; won nonsuit after closing statements, with \$52 million verdict entered against other defendants. Subsequently acted as lead appellate counsel, resulting in affirmation of nonsuit and prior summary adjudication.

Counsel for broadcast television network, defeated eleventh hour application for injunction to prevent pending broadcast of boxing "reality" program based on violations of boxing regulations depicted in the program; successfully invoked doctrine of First Amendment prior restraint.

Arbitration defense counsel for major music industry conglomerate in multimillion dollar claims for payment of capital amounts owed under sale of business by promoters; prosecute claims for breach of related employment contracts by company presidents.

Trial counsel on behalf of production and merchandising entities on a \$20 million copyright claim based on a highly successful television and motion picture property; won complete defense verdict. *Kling v. Hallmark Cards, Inc.*, 225 F.3d 1030 (9th Cir. 2000)

Arbitration counsel in \$7 million action against co-presidents of joint venture of global media companies, based on finding of intentional fraudulent misrepresentation in corporate acquisition, and subsequent diversion of corporate funds; defeated wrongful termination claims and won award of attorneys' fees for employer.

Arbitration

Arbitration counsel on \$9.5 million claim in construction dispute in the first ever International Chamber of Commerce arbitration in Peru; won complete recovery and defeated adverse claims.

Lead arbitration defense counsel for major music industry conglomerate in multimillion dollar claims for payment of capital amounts owed under sale of business by promoters; prosecute claims for breach of related employment contracts by company presidents. (also under entertainment and media)

Real Estate

Defense trial counsel on claims for interference with prospective advantage among partners and fiduciaries in multimillion dollar real estate transaction in Beverly Hills.

Lead trial defense counsel on claims against lawyer client for ownership of multimillion dollar real property in dispute with real estate broker.

Trial counsel in \$10 million real property action concerning commercial property in Beverly Hills; won defense judgment, client permitted to proceed on counter claims for breach of fiduciary duty against plaintiff. *BGJ v. Brittan et al.*, 7 Cal. Rptr 3d 140 (2003)

International/Transnational

Advise photographers in connection with United Kingdom lawsuits by film actors regarding celebrity pictures taken in New York and published in magazines in United Kingdom.

Represented exploration company in \$10 billion claim regarding corruption of foreign government concerning major hydrocarbon fields, including racketeering and antitrust claims for treble damages.

Represented nuclear power generation arm of foreign government in dispute over sourcing of nuclear material from Russian Federation.

Defend multimillion dollar claims in Germany for fraud against leading toy manufacturer through anti-suit proceedings in California.

Advise client of Australian law firm in connection with subpoena issued by U.S. Department of Justice for depositions to be conducted in Australia.

Counsel in successful Australian Federal Court action on behalf of leading United States aerospace manufacturer regarding impropriety in award of \$200 million air traffic control contract; established principle of implied good faith and fair dealing in contract in Australian law.

Appellate

Trial counsel on behalf of "deep pocket" motion picture studio defendant in an entertainment industry trial; won nonsuit after closing statements, with \$52 million verdict entered against other defendants. Subsequently acted as lead appellate counsel, resulting in affirmation of nonsuit and prior summary adjudication.