

Representative Work

People ex rel. Costa Mesa Sanitary District et al.

Prepared application for leave to sue in quo warranto, which was granted by Attorney General's Office, to resolve a question of whether a public agency director was holding incompatible offices under California law.

Zinnerman v. Superior Court

Obtained judgment of dismissal on behalf of a judicial branch entity and its employees following a litigant's appeal from two related small claims court judgments.

Sharpley v. Novato Sanitary District

Litigated, tried and won case contesting the results of a local election.

Cuviello v. City of Stockton

Successfully defended city and police officers at two-day show cause hearing involving First and Fourth Amendment claims.

BART Internal Affairs Investigation

Interviewed witnesses as part of Meyers Nave team retained by the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) to conduct a confidential internal affairs investigation of the officer-involved shooting death of Oscar Grant.

Vega v. Robinson

Obtained summary judgment in and dismissal of case addressing whether city's code enforcement activities at property constituted inverse condemnation and a "taking" under the Fifth Amendment.

Disney v. Spinetta

Prosecuted and obtained civil harassment injunction on behalf of Superior Court judge who was being harassed by litigant, which was affirmed by Court of Appeal.

Sabatino v. City of Modesto

Brought successful anti-SLAPP motion to strike and obtained dismissal and award of attorney's fees in case alleging that city-generated mailer constituted illegal campaign expenditures.

Masaganda v. City of South San Francisco

Defended city on summary judgment in case alleging dangerous condition of public property based on city's failure to install a median barrier to prevent crossover accidents.

Williams v. City of Petaluma

Convinced plaintiffs to dismiss inverse condemnation case after taking depositions.

Dalidio v. City Clerk, City of San Luis Obispo and Fritchen v. City Clerk, City of Stockton

Obtained dismissal of petitions for writ of mandamus claiming local elections officials failed to comply with election law when they rejected defective petitions and/or untimely-filed ballots.

Colbruno v. City Clerk

Defeated a petition for writ of mandamus challenging city attorney's impartial analysis of a ballot measure and successfully defended city clerk's rejection of petitioner's untimely-submitted rebuttal argument.

City of San Juan Bautista v. Snyder

Drafted complaint alleging professional negligence against certified professional accountant who performed audit for city, litigated case, and negotiated settlement resulting in significant reimbursement.

Williams v. Mitchell and Yabut v. Anaya

Obtained dismissals at pleading stages in dangerous condition and premises liability cases.

Hopkins-Brown v. City of South San Francisco et al.

Prevailed on summary judgment motion in a case alleging a dangerous condition of public property.

Barrett v. City of South San Francisco

Litigated excessive force civil rights case against police officer that proceeded to trial and resulted in defense verdict.

Presentations

“Civil Harassment and Workplace Violence Injunctions,” County Counsel’s Association of California Civil Law & Litigation Conference (Spring 2011)

“Staying out of Court -- Seven Practical Steps,” Public Law Education Series, Meyers Nave (2009)

Publications

“Annoying Civic-Mindedness or Credible Threat of Violence?,” author, *Daily Journal* (2011)

Professional Affiliations

California State Bar
Bar Association of San Francisco

Admissions and Courts

California
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California
U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

Community Involvement

McCollum Youth Court, volunteer judge (2009-2010)

Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE), Mock Trial
Program, volunteer judge (2009-2010 and 2010-2011)

UC Hastings, Moot Court oral arguments, volunteer judge (Spring
2011 and 2012)

Golden Gate University School of Law, Appellate Advocacy Moot
Court Competition, volunteer judge (Spring 2012)