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PRACTICE GROUPS

- Litigation
- Insurance
- Labor & Employment

EDUCATION

UC Berkeley School of Law - Boalt Hall, J.D., 1986

University of California, Berkeley, B.A., 1983

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Juan A. Torres is a partner in the Firm's Los Angeles office, with which he has been associated since 1990. He has vast and expansive experience as a commercial/corporate, employment, construction, real estate and insurance litigator in federal and state courts, including bankruptcy courts and arbitration and mediation proceedings. Mr. Torres is fluent in Spanish.

In the more than 30 years that Juan A. Torres has been representing business owners to resolve a wide range of disputes and conflicts, he has argued on their behalf in federal and state courts, at trial and in dispute resolution forums across Southern California. A native Spanish speaker, Juan has earned the trust of the growing Latino business community in Los Angeles and beyond.

An area Juan focuses on is in counseling employers on employment related matters and resolving and settling employment-related claims — from wrongful termination and wage and hour claims to complaints of discrimination, harassment and government agency investigations.

His approach centers around an understanding of the disruption that lawsuits can create for small

businesses and how litigation can have an impact on employee morale. Juan seeks cost-efficient ways to settle claims promptly and prevent future ones from arising. His clients include restaurant and hospitality owners and managers as well as owners of accounting, security services, retail and other enterprises.

Business clients appreciate Juan's ability to minimize risks and prevent future lawsuits, and they rely on his counsel on employment policies, handbook updates and other guidance. Clients also value his clear communications, integrity and the resources that Juan provides through the Firm to meet their related legal needs, from insurance to privacy and security and intellectual property. Often, Juan adds additional value in his advice to business owners on the formation of their professional advisory teams to ensure commercial longevity and success.

Experienced with all forms of commercial litigation, Juan also has an in-depth background in real estate litigation, particularly buyer-seller transactional disputes and non-disclosure claims, and in intellectual property litigation, particularly trademark infringement claims, and insurance coverage matters.

Juan has served as a volunteer judge pro tem, arbitrator and mediator for the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. Among his many civic and professional commitments is his current service on the board of directors of The Good Samaritan Scholarship program and of the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Counsel for Justice, which focuses on legal services for vulnerable communities.

PUBLICATION

EMPLOYMENT NOTE

- 2007 Employment Law Bulletin for California Employers (May 2007) 05.24.2007

COMMUNITY

Mr. Torres has served as a member of the Board of Directors of several non-profit organizations, including the Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice, Elizabeth Cancer Detection Center, California Alumni Association, and youth sports organizations. He also served as a member of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes Parks and Recreation Open Space Task Force Committee.

He has volunteered as a Judge Pro Tem, arbitrator and mediator for the Los Angeles County Superior Court and made numerous law seminar presentations primarily in the employment law arena.

NEWS

- Musick Peeler prevails in two-week trial over complex contract dispute 10.21.2022
- Musick Peeler's Tim Chang and Juan Torres Named As Leaders Of Influence 01.27.2022
- Congratulations to Partner Juan Torres for obtaining a complete defense judgment at 03.23.2018

trial.

- Musick Peeler is hosting an Updates in Employment Law Luncheon March 18th 02.26.2016
- Juan Torres Speaks to Business Owners 04.18.2013
- Juan Torres Prevails on Behalf of Clients in Panamian Real Estate Venture 01.26.2012
- Litigation Partner Obtains Three Million Dollar Judgment in Bankruptcy Dispute 01.26.2012
- Partner Juan Torres Prevails in Bankruptcy Proceeding 04.12.2010

ADMISSIONS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- State Bar of California
- United States District Court for the Central and Southern Districts of California
- California Rural Legal Assistance, Board of Directors (1988-2005)
- Providence Little Company of Mary Foundation, Board of Directors (2006-2015)
- California Hispanic Corporate Council Leadership, President
- Latino Business Association Institute, Board of Directors (2010-2012)
- Latino Chamber of Commerce