THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE

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RANGE OF SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

- ▶ Litigation
 - Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Corporate
 - Mergers & Acquisitions
 - Corporate Governance
- Banking and Financial Services
 - Commercial Loan Documentation
 Project Finance
 - Financial Technology (fintech)
 - Regulatory and Compliance
 - Commercial Finance
- Private Equity Securities
- Asset Recovery
- Mortgage Lending
- Operations
- Insurance Coverage and Reinsurance
- ▶ White-Collar Crime
- Business Reorganization and Financial Restructuring
- ► Intellectual Property
 - o California Uniform Trade Secrets Act (CUTSA)
 - Defend Trade Secrets Act (DTSA)
 - Trademarks and Service Marks and Licensing
- Product Safety: California Proposition 65
- Labor and Employment
- ► Real Estate
- Cannabis

Chambers AND PARTNERS

Chambers USA gives top marks to Duane Morris' Insurance: Insurer practice in California. The firm also receives high

marks for its immigration practice in the state.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Corporate, Securities, and Mergers and Acquisitions

- Represented investors and a bank with approximately \$1 BILLION in assets in the formation of a bank holding company in connection with the acquisition of a financial institution that will include in its business plan banking marijuana related businesses.
- ► Represented a furniture retailer specializing in modular furniture systems in successfully completing a \$23.5 MILLION private placement of preferred stock and warrants to various funds and private investors.
- Represented a private equity sponsor in a series of investments, including a concurrent add-on acquisition and successful exit of its investment in a medical device manufacturer.
- Represented a food distribution company in the purchase of assets and assumption of liabilities of a competitor.
- Represented a farming company in its private placement of \$4 MILLION of preferred units for the build-out of an indoor/ outdoor commercial cannabis cultivation facility in California.

Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

- ► Represented multinational client in class-action litigation involving warranty, products liability, and consumer protection claims.
- ► Represented national restaurant chains in local commercial litigation disputes; prevailed at binding arbitration on behalf of national fast food chain against an \$8.6 MILLION claim for damages.
- ▶ Obtained a multimillion dollar verdict on behalf of a foreign investor client obtaining compensatory and punitive damages, and obtained affirmance of that judgment on appeal.
- ▶ Defended an aviation-industry client against a claim under the California Comprehensive Computer Data Access and Fraud Act. We obtained an order dismissing the claim with prejudice, convincing the court to adopt a previously unprecedented interpretation of the statute.

- Represented a national telecommunications company in recovery of a multimillion-dollar claim in a fraudulent scheme by multiple defendants across different states with defendants dissipating and hiding assets.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of a mezzanine lender in the Complex Division of the Los Angeles County Superior Court (Central Civil West) in what is among the largest coordinated securities actions in California history, where plaintiffs were alleging \$200 million in damages.
- Obtained on behalf of Capital One, N.A., in the United States District Court for the Central District of California, a dismissal with prejudice of a high exposure lawsuit in connection with a foreclosure on a luxury home located in Los Angeles.
- Completed a workout involving a seven-figure unpaid account receivable owed to a solar cell manufacturing client.
- ► Litigated claims against banks for operational issues, including wire fraud and violations of federal banking regulations.

Intellectual Property

Stillman v. Novartis Consumer Health Inc. Represented defendants CVS Pharmacy Inc. and Walgreen Company in a patent infringement suit related to a generic product and obtained favorable result.

Bank Regulatory and Compliance

- Represented numerous banks and money service businesses in connection with Bank Secrecy Act/anti-money laundering (AML) and counterterrorism law examinations and enforcement actions.
- ▶ Represented numerous banks on day-to-day compliance, risk management, operations and regulatory issues.
- Represented fintech and cryptocurrency companies on licensing, operations and BSA/AML and counterterrorism issues.
- ▶ Represented numerous banks on Basel III and Volcker rule issues.

Employment Law

Successfully defended a complaint for breach of fiduciary duty and related cross-complaint involving the former president of a company that specialized in the design and sale of outdoor recreational equipment.

Products Liability

 Represented medical device manufacturers in the defense of products liability actions, including numerous cases included as part of a California coordination proceeding.

Commercial Finance and Real Estate

- Represented a commercial bank in connection with \$10 MILLION revolving line of credit to investment fund to bridge acquisition of securities investments and receipt of capital call proceeds from fund investors.
- Represented a commercial bank in connection with multimillion loan secured by commercial real estate property.

Insurance Coverage and Reinsurance

- Successfully represented an insurer in a suit brought by a multinational corporation for insurance coverage of long-tail environmental liabilities, and won a summary judgment motion extinguishing \$60 MILLION of potential liability against the insurer.
- ► Represented insurers in a coverage action concerning environmental liabilities at the Port of Los Angeles.

Bankruptcy

 Represented insurance companies in a bankruptcy case of a major former producer of asbestos-related products with large environmental and personal injury liabilities.

COMMUNITY AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Los Angeles office lawyers are actively involved in the community and serve or have served as board members and leaders in civic and charitable organizations, including:

- ► Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Los Angeles
- Asian Pacific Community Fund
- ► Black Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles
- ► Bloomingdale Family Program Head Start Agency
- ► Committee of 100
- ► Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles
- ► Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles
- ► Los Angeles County Bar Association
- ► Mama's Kitchen
- ► Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA)
- ► National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA)
- ► Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association (SCCLA)

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