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### Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Insurance Law; Products Liability; Appellate Law; Litigation



Harry Chamberlain is an experienced litigator who has represented Fortune 500 companies, public and private sector clients in complex litigation for 37 years. His trial and arbitration practice focuses on the representation of business, professional and public entity clients with special concentration in post-trial remedies, writs and appeals. He is certified as an Appellate Specialist by the California State Bar Board of Legal Specialization, having argued hundreds of appeals in state and federal courts across the country, including numerous cases before the California Supreme Court and the highest courts of other jurisdictions.

Before joining Buchalter, Harry's experience included in-house practice as general counsel, and managing the law department of major U.S. liability insurers and financial service companies.

Harry serves on the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles County Bar Association and has been an appointed member of the State Appellate Judicial Evaluation Committee. In 2016, he received LACBA's Volunteer Service Award as the Samuel L. Williams Outstanding Trustee. He is past president of the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel and California Defense Counsel, preeminent regional associations of civil defense trial attorneys.

In addition to his trial and appellate practice, Harry is often engaged as an expert witness on matters involving professional liability, legal ethics, attorney fees and insurance issues. He lectures and writes extensively on a variety of topics concerning complex litigation, appellate practice, First Amendment rights, and alternative dispute resolution.

### Representative Matters

- *Parrish v. Latham & Watkins LLP* (Cal. Supreme Court S228277, oral argument pending June 2017) (amicus): (1) Does an action for malicious prosecution by former employees against their employer's attorneys fail to prove lack probable cause under the "interim adverse judgment" rule based on denial of a pretrial motion for summary judgment, even if the trial court later found that the employer's action had been brought in bad faith? (2) Is the former employees' action barred by the one-year statute of limitations in Code Civ. Proc. § 340.6?
- *Winn v. Pioneer Medical Group, Inc.* (2016) 63 Cal.4th 148 (amicus): Aggravated "neglect" within the meaning of the Elder Abuse and Dependent Care Act requires plaintiff to show that the defendant health care provider had a "custodial relationship" with the elder patient
- *Lee v. Hanley* (2015) 61 Cal.4th 1225 (amicus): The one-year statute of limitations for actions against an attorney (Code Civ. Proc. § 340.6) applies to a former client's claim for reimbursement of unearned attorney fees advanced in a lawsuit if the claim is related to performance of a "professional obligation"
- *Healthsmart Pacific, Inc. v. Kabateck* (2016) 7 Cal.App.5th 416: \$60 million defamation suit was an improper SLAPP motion against opposing counsel barred by the "fair report privilege" under Civil Code § 47(d)