

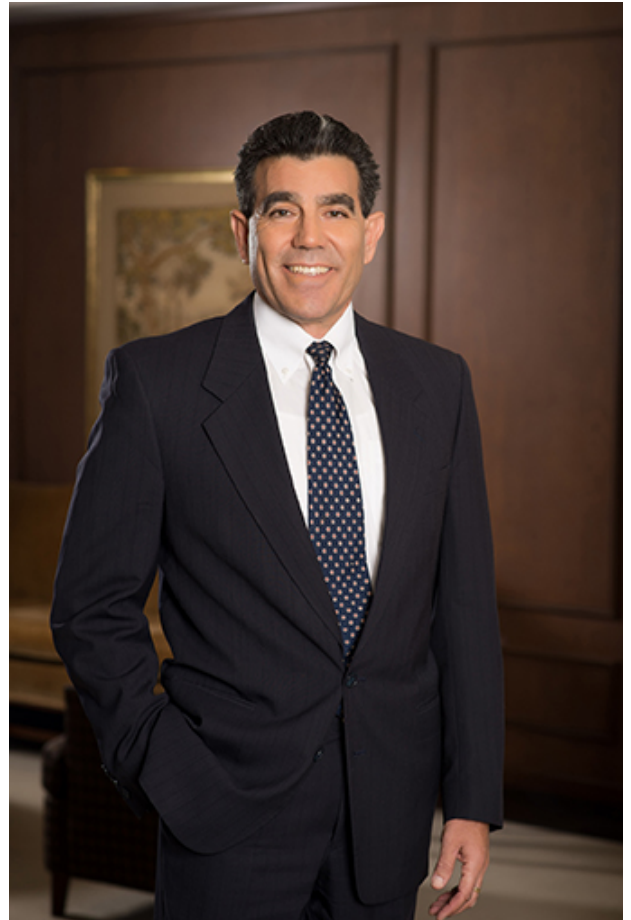
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PRACTICE GROUPS

- 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.

PUBLICATION

EMPLOYMENT NOTE

- 2007 Employment Law Bulletin for California Employers (May 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

- Congratulations to Partner Juan Torres for obtaining a complete defense judgment at trial.
- Musick Peeler is hosting an Updates in Employment Law Luncheon March 18th
- Juan Torres Speaks to Business Owners
- Juan Torres Prevails on Behalf of Clients in Panamian Real Estate Venture
- Litigation Partner Obtains Three Million Dollar Judgment in Bankruptcy Dispute
- Partner Juan Torres Prevails in Bankruptcy Proceeding

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

- *Thayer v. Kabateck Brown Kellner LLP* (2012) 207 Cal.App.4th 141: Action by a client's spouse – claiming that her husband's attorneys mishandled a class action settlement – barred as an improper SLAPP suit
- *Prospect Medical Group v. Northridge Emergency Medical Group* (2009) 45 Cal.4th 497: California law prohibits hospitals from "balance billing" patients for medical fees owed by their HMO
- *Mayer v. L&B Real Estate* (2008) 43 Cal.4th 1231: Property owner's Due Process right to set aside an invalid tax sale does not expire until possession is "disturbed" by valid notice of sale from the tax collector
- *City of Anaheim v. Angels Baseball LP* (2008) 2008 WL 5274631: Adopting the team name "Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim" did not violate stadium lease with the City of Anaheim
- *Cohn v. Corinthian Colleges, Angels Baseball LP* (2008) 169 Cal.App.4th 523: Mother's Day tote bag giveaway at Angels' baseball game was not unlawful discrimination against men
- *Kibler v. Northern Inyo County Hosp. Dist.* (2006) 39 Cal.4th 192 (amicus): Anti-SLAPP statute applies to disciplinary decisions by a hospital peer review committee
- *Jarrow Formulas Inc. v. La Marche* (2003) 31 Cal.4th 728: Lawyers may challenge claims for malicious prosecution under the anti-SLAPP statute, and recover legal fees if they prevail
- *Viner v. Sweet* (2003) 30 Cal.4th 1232 (amicus): A client suing for legal malpractice must prove a more favorable outcome would have resulted "but for" the lawyer's negligence
- *Musser v. Provencher* (2002) 28 Cal.4th 274 (amicus): Attorneys may seek indemnification for co-counsel's errors committed during the joint representation of their mutual client
- *Summit Financial Holdings Ltd. v. Continental Lawyers Title Co.* (2002) 27 Cal.4th 1160 (amicus): Escrow agents owe no duty to protect interests of third parties outside of the transaction
- *Shade Foods, Inc. v. Royal Ins. Co. of America* (2000) 78 Cal.App.4th 847: \$14 million bad faith and punitive damages verdict reversed for insufficient evidence of malice
- *Potvin v. MetLife Ins. Co.* (2000) 22 Cal.4th 1060: Case-by-case analysis is required to decide if Due Process precludes the at-will termination of a medical provider by a health plan
- *Temple Community Hosp. v. Superior Court* (1999) 20 Cal.4th 464, *Cedars-Sinai Med. Center v. Superior Court* (1998) 18 Cal.4th 1 (amicus): No tort remedy for "spoliation of evidence" under California law
- *Parsons v. Crown Disposal Co.* (1997) 15 Cal.4th 456: Waste disposal company has no liability to a horseback rider for noises made during routine trash collection operations
- *Rubin v. Green* (1993) 4 Cal.4th 1187: Absolute litigation privilege bars private actions against attorneys under Business & Professions Code §17200
- *Bay Cities Paving & Grading Inc. v. Lawyers' Mut. Ins. Co.* (1993) 5 Cal.4th 854 (amicus): Insurance policy limits available for "related" claims requires a common sense reading of the contract

Publications

- Out of Balance: 'Balance-Billing' Unfairly Puts the Patient in the Middle, *OC Lawyer*, 2012
- Advanced Appellate Practice Roundtable, *Pincus Cont. Legal Ed.*, 2012
- The "Nuts and Bolts" of Anti-SLAPP, *Firm Publication*, 2004
- Ex-Hospital CEO Says Attys' Prostitution Claim Defamed Him, *Law360*, November 9, 2016

Presentations

- Speaker, "Be the Trial Attorney Your Dog Thinks You Are and Your Appellate Attorney Wants You To Be," RCBA Building- John Gabbert Gallery, March 2, 2018
- Speaker, "Second Annual Appellate Conference," Pincus Professional Education, January 27, 2017
- Speaker, "Lawyer Defense Committee of the ASCDC," Southern California Defense Counsel, December

13, 2016

- Speaker, "Meeting the Counter-Attack When Fighting Insurance Fraud," NCFIA Annual Convention, March 1, 2016
 - Co speaker, "Brave New World: Electronic Briefs and Record on Appeal," Advanced Appellate Seminar in San Francisco, CA, February 25, 2016
 - Speaker, "The Seven Deadly Sins: Why Lawyers Get Stung by Juries in Legal Malpractice Cases," the Los Angeles County Bar Association, July 7, 2011
 - Speaker, "Anti-SLAPP: It's Not Just for Defamation Anymore," Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California and Nevada Annual Seminar, December 1, 2008
 - Speaker, "Tactical Advantage? The Do's and Don'ts of Summary Adjudication," CAALA Vegas, March 10, 2006
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Bar Admissions

- California
- District of Columbia
- North Carolina

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of the United States