



# Vincent Herron

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## PROFILE

Mr. Herron is a trial lawyer, and is one of the founding partners of one of the predecessor firms.

Mr. Herron's practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, including "enterprise threatening" litigation and trials. Mr. Herron has represented entities in all manner of business disputes including partnership disputes, contract issues, insurance coverage claims, anti-competitive torts, trade secret claims, derivative actions, and real estate controversies. Mr. Herron is an active member of the legal community. He is a past Chair of the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles County Bar's Litigation Section, and a member of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and the Association of Business Trial Lawyers' Litigation Section. Before founding the firm, Mr. Herron was a litigation partner with Latham & Watkins LLP (Los Angeles, CA). Mr. Herron is routinely recognized as a top litigator by legal publications, such as Super Lawyers, Los Angeles Magazine and Law and Politics.

## EDUCATION

- University of Southern California Law School, J.D., 1994 *Order of the Coif Honors*
- University of California, Los Angeles, B.A. Economics, 1990

## REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Lead trial counsel in settlement enforcement action resulting in beneficial settlement for client
- Lead trial counsel for policy holder in week-long jury trial resulting in finding of bad faith and \$15 million

judgment against insurer

- Lead trial counsel for policy holder in bench trial resulting in award of almost \$2 million for client: cross-examination resulted in total rejection of testimony of insurer's expert witness
- Lead trial counsel representing client seeking insurance coverage for millions of dollars in environmental remediation costs. Multi-day trial ended in complete verdict for our client including findings of coverage and insurer's vexatious refusal to pay
- Trial counsel in a multi-week jury trial representing a local public entity in \$100 million eminent domain action concerning parcel of property alleged to be contaminated with hazardous substances. Due to trial efforts, opposing party was awarded \$45 million less than its alleged claim
- Trial counsel defending client in a multi-month jury trial concerning allegations of misappropriation of trade secrets, fraud, interference, and breach of fiduciary duty. Plaintiff sought \$4 million in compensatory damages and \$16 million in punitive damages. Case ended in complete defense verdict
- Co-lead trial counsel in international arbitration defending an American corporation from claims by a Turkish company alleging fraud and interference with contract; claimant sought damages of more than \$100 million. Case ended in complete defense verdict, and order that Turkish company reimburse American client's attorneys' fees and costs
- One of several trial counsel representing policyholders in the World Trade Center property insurance litigation. Jury returned verdict in favor of policyholders on number of occurrences resulting in more than a billion dollars in further insurance coverage
- Co-lead trial counsel obtained defense verdict for client in four week long business interference and trade secret case in Los Angeles Superior Court. Thereafter obtained very favorable settlement for client before retrial of final outstanding claim
- Participated in defense team in products liability suit against major tobacco manufacturer. Trial resulted in complete defense verdict
- Lead trial counsel in entertainment action that resulted in beneficial settlement to client after second day of trial
- Lead trial counsel in multi-day arbitration of accounting matter. Verdict saved client hundreds of thousands of dollars
- Successfully argued two separate appeals to California's District Court of Appeals (obtaining affirmation of one decision, and reversal of another)

## PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- *Past Chair*, Los Angeles County Bar Association Litigation Section, Executive Committee
- *Former Chair*, Litigation Section's Programs Committee
- *Former Chair*, Litigation Section's Breakfast at the Bar Committee
- *Appointee*, Los Angeles County Bar's Ad Hoc Committee on Adequate State Court Funding and Operations (2013, 2014 and 2016)



- *Former Member*, Los Angeles County Bar Association's Inn of Court
- *Judicial Extern*, Hon. Dickran Tevrizian, Central District of California

## PUBLICATIONS

- *Author*, *Increasing the Speech: Diversity, Campus Speech Codes and the Pursuit of Truth*, 67 So. Cal L. Rev. 407 (1994)
- *Co-Author*, "First Suspicion: Kline Demonstrates the Importance of Suing Quickly," Daily Journal, (August 8, 2001)
- *Co-Author*, "Attorney Unable to Recover Attorney Fees," Los Angeles Lawyer, Vol. 24 No. 9 (December 2001)
- *Past Guest Lecturer*, USC School of Law

## PRACTICE AREAS

- Trials & Appeals
- Insurance Recovery