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Main Bio

Colin Higgins concentrates his practice in the areas of general business matters, class actions, and business litigation. He represents clients in matters involving real estate, breach of contract, consumer class actions, trade secrets, business competition torts, corporate governance issues, partnership disputes, and California's Proposition 65. He also has experience with fraud and fraudulent transfer litigation, as well as experience with judgment collection against domestic individuals and companies. Colin has represented a range of clients that includes real estate developers, apparel manufacturers, hotel chains, herbal and nutraceutical manufacturers and retailers, landlords, tenants, general contractors, subcontractors, pet food distributors, and entertainment companies. He is a member of Snell & Wilmer's Commercial Litigation Practice Group.

Representative Experience

- Defended multi-level marketing company in multi-state and single state consumer class actions
- Defended herbal and nutraceutical company in trade secret and breach of contract action
- Defended manager of an LLC in real estate dispute amongst members of LLC involving California and Delaware law
- Defended numerous companies in disputes involving California's Prop 65
- Represented manufacturing company in multiple collection actions
- Represented individuals in fraud and breach of contract action seeking eight figures in damages
- Defended pet food distributor in lawsuit involving trade secret and interference with contract claims

Education

- Loyola Law School, Los Angeles (J.D., cum laude, 2009)
 - Order of the Coif
 - Dean's List (2008-2009)
 - Note and Comment Editor, Loyola of Los Angeles Entertainment Law Review
- University of California, Berkeley (B.A., History; B.A., Political Science, 2005)

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "[Rumble in the Riviera](#)," Co-Author, OC Lawyer Magazine (April 2016)

- "[Summary of California's Prompt Payment Laws](#)," Co-Author, Under Construction (September 2014)
- "[Hope on the Horizon for Proposition 65 Reform?](#)" Author, S&W Environmental & Natural Resources Law Blog (June 20, 2013)
- "[Legal Alert - California Scores Another Cap-and-Trade Victory](#)," Co-Author, Legal Alert, Snell & Wilmer (February 15, 2013)
- "[LEED Legal Alerts](#)," Co-Author, Orange County Business Journal (November 19, 2012)
- "[Summary of Changes to California's Mechanics' Lien Law - Effective July 1, 2012](#)," Co-Author, Under Construction (June 2012)
- "MBE/WBE Preferences in California Public Contracting," Co-Author, Under Construction (December 2010)

Professional Recognition & Awards

- Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Legal Services, State Bar of California (2012-2015)

Community Involvement

- Emerging Leaders Council Member, Orange County United Way (2015-2019)
- The First Tee of Orange County, Board Member (2016-present)
- Orange County Cal Alumni Group (2012-present)
- UC Irvine School of Law, Pro Bono Program, Supervising Attorney (2012-2018)
- Young Lawyers Program, Mentor (2007-2008)

Other Professional Experience

- Snell & Wilmer, Summer Associate (2008)
- Los Angeles Superior Court, Extern for Hon. Aurelio Munoz and Hon. Elizabeth White (2008)

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of California
- United States District Court, All Districts of California