
Special Counsel

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Colin is a trusted “go to” resource to clients. He serves the construction, insurance and financial industries.

After spending his early career years with a California based litigation law firm, Colin joined Severson & Werson in 2015. He works out of Severson & Werson’s Northern and Southern California offices in San Francisco and Irvine, providing personal service and dedication to his clients. Colin has successfully defended professionals of multiple disciplines, individuals and businesses in lawsuits and other forms of dispute involving construction defects, personal injury and payment claims. He has successfully defended and prosecuted breach of contract, assumption of risk, waiver and release, and equitable and indemnity claims. Colin also provides general counselling and advisory services to design and construction professionals, and serves as monitoring counsel for claims located throughout the US.

Education

- Santa Clara University, J.D., 2013
- University of California Santa Cruz, B.A., History, 2009

Admissions

- California

Areas of Practice

Trials

Construction

- [Alternative Dispute Resolution](#)
- [Construction Litigation](#)

Financial Services

- [Alternative Dispute Resolution](#)
- [Automobile Finance](#)

Insurance

- [Alternative Dispute Resolution](#)
- [General Liability Defense](#)
- [Insurance Defense](#)
- [Products Liability Defense](#)
- [Sports & Athletics](#)

Professional Liability Defense

- [Alternative Dispute Resolution](#)

Results

- [Multiple favorable settlements obtained representing architects, engineers, contractors, fabricators, vendors, sports, recreation, leisure, entertainment entity, venue and individual defendants.](#)
- [Contractual defense and indemnity obtained in cases following early and aggressive tenders.](#)
- [Voluntary dismissals obtained in multiple cases on behalf of clients in the farm, ranching and agriculture industries.](#)
- [Favorable settlement entered for a “nuisance value amount” after revelation of plaintiff and his/her](#)

[attorney's discovery abuse.](#)

- [Favorable settlement in negligence action arising from an automobile accident with alleged damages exceeding \\$5 million.](#)
- [Favorable settlement in products liability action for client manufacturer.](#)
- [Favorable settlement in wrongful death action.](#)
- [Favorable settlement in strict and negligent product liability action arising from a worksite death with alleged damages exceeding \\$20 million.](#)
- [Defense judgment obtained for university and nation sporting organization program based on waiver and assumption of risk in gross negligence action involving alleged traumatic brain injury.](#)
- [Defense judgment obtained for contractor in negligence action involving alleged property and business interruption damages brought by owner of a medical care facility.](#)
- [Favorable "cost of defense" settlement in product liability case with alleged damages exceeding \\$10 million arising from an alleged traumatic brain injury, prior to jury selection.](#)
- [Judgment awarded on gaming industry client's cross-complaint for breach of contract, express indemnity and declaratory relief against plaintiff's employer.](#)

Publications

- [Walser-Jolly, G. and Murphy, C. authored Chapter 10A on the CCPA "Privacy Compliance and Litigation in California"](#)
- [Kenney, A. B. & Murphy, C. T. \(February 23, 2017\). "Different Approaches to CLRA Damages", The Daily Journal.](#)
- [Hyman, S. J. & Murphy, C.T., \(February 2017\). Monthly Personal Property Finance Newsletter, No. 1, pp. 1-19](#)

Consumer Finance Posts

- [Court of Appeal \(Cal.\) Says Failure to Disclose that Part Was Subject to Recall and Was Not Repaired Violated CLRA](#)
- [Court of Appeal \(Cal.\) Says Benson Tender Was in Bad Faith Because it Imposed Unreasonable Conditions on the Consumer; Says As to Holder Who Tendered Back the RISC, "Once a Holder, Always a Holder"](#)
- [Benson Update: Another California Court of Appeal Distinguishes the "Benson-tender"; i.e. Courts' Treatment of a CLRA Defendant's Response to a Pre-Suit Demand Letter](#)
- [Different Approaches To CLRA Damages](#)