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Jan T. Chilton is a Member of Severson & Werson, specializing in Civil Appellate Practice.

Mr. Chilton is the head of the Severson & Werson's Appellate Practice Group. He has more than 40 years of experience handling civil appeals and writ proceedings in state and federal appellate courts, from the Superior Courts' Appellate Divisions to the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Chilton has successfully briefed and argued cases in the appellate courts of eleven states and all but three federal circuits and has secured many published opinions favorable to his clients and other businesses, particularly in insurance and financial services industries.

Having substantial jury and non-jury trial experience himself, Mr. Chilton now works closely with the Firm's trial attorneys in formulating case strategies, preparing or opposing important pre-and post-trial motions, and preserving or defusing issues for potential appeals.

Mr. Chilton has represented businesses and individuals in appeals involving a broad range of issues including antitrust, bankruptcy, civil procedure, consumer protection, contracts, commercial law, construction disputes, insurance coverage, labor law, psychotherapy issues, securities, unfair competition, and wrongful termination of employees. He has also filed many friend-of-the-court briefs on behalf of industry groups and others on issues of particular importance to their members.

Mr. Chilton is a member and former President of the California Academy of Appellate Lawyers and a fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers.

Education

- University of Chicago Law School, J.D., 1970
- University of California, Berkeley, B.A., 1967

Admissions

- California
- Tennessee
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States Supreme Court

Areas of Practice

Writs and Appeals

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Results

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- [California Court of Appeal, Fourth District \(Riverside\)](#)
- [California Court of Appeal, Fourth District \(San Diego\)](#)
- [California Court of Appeal, Third District \(Sacramento\)](#)
- [California Court of Appeal, Second District \(Los Angeles\)](#)
- [California Court of Appeal, Second District \(Los Angeles\)](#)
- [California Court of Appeal, Second District \(Los Angeles\)](#)
- [California Court of Appeal, First District \(San Francisco\)](#)
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- [California Supreme Court](#)
- [United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit](#)
- [United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit](#)
- [United States Supreme Court](#)
- [Combined Efforts of Construction and Appellate Teams Successful](#)

Publications

- [SW Winter 2019 Newsletter](#)
- [SW Summer 2018 Newsletter](#)
- [Chilton, J.T., \(October 21, 2016\). CarMax's Recent Loss Presages A Wave Of Litigation Over "Certified" Used Cars Alert](#)

Consumer Finance Posts

- [Cal. Supreme Court Denies Consumer's Request for Review/Depublication of Lafferty Decision's Holding that FTC Holder Rule Caps Attorneys' Fees](#)