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Practices & Industries

- Litigation
- Financial Institutions
- Intellectual Property

Overview

Chris Yoo helps his clients prosecute and defend lawsuits. Over the past twenty years, Chris has handled thousands of cases for his clients – including hundreds of appellate matters – while developing a reputation for resolving disputes and providing solutions in a responsive, creative, and cost-effective manner.

Chris has an active and robust financial institution practice, assisting banks and industry participants with respect to class action and other claims arising from individual lending transactions, commercial / business loan-related litigation – including judicial foreclosure and receivership actions and collection actions – and mortgage-related litigation that spans a broad range of matters:

- Defense of wrongful foreclosure and fraud claims,
- Unfair business practices,
- RESPA, TILA, and federal and state unfair debt collection practice claims,
- Federal and state credit reporting act claims,
- Lien priority disputes,
- Claims involving force-placed insurance,
- Misapplication of payment allegations,
- Title disputes and title claims, and
- Civil and criminal forfeiture actions.

In addition, Chris has extensive experience helping his clients – which include private companies, restaurants, grocery stores, public entities, and individuals – resolve a wide range of business, commercial, real estate related disputes, including in particular trademark infringement lawsuits, licensing disputes, contract disputes, commercial lease disputes, state and national class actions, and unfair business practice lawsuits. He is also an experienced litigator on ERISA, insurance and employment matters.

Memberships

- Orange County Bar Association
- Korean American Bar Association

Education / Admissions

Education:

- J.D., Cornell Law School, 1993
- B.A., with honors, University of California at Berkeley, 1990

Bar Admissions:

State Bar of California

Matters

Significant matters Chris has handled include:

- Defending a lawsuit against his client, a start-up online appraisal business sued by the company providing the raw data they needed to offer their service. Chris developed an innovative solution that was a win-win for both parties and as such allowed his client to resolve the dispute and not only stay in business, but to flourish and expand.
- Successfully representing a financial institution in a lawsuit against a mortgage loan correspondent for breaching loan correspondent agreements, and obtained a judgment in favor of his client in excess of \$6 million.
- Defending Fannie Mae in a national class action in which Fannie Mae and a lender were sued for alleged violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.
- Resolving a real estate ownership rights dispute that threatened to break up a family-run business with a creative solution that provided a successful outcome to all parties.

Other Publications

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- In re Bello, 622 Fed.Appx. 663 (2015)
- Briggs v. Deutsche Bank Nat. Trust Co., 601 Fed.Appx. 532 (2015)
- In re Harris, 596 Fed.Appx. 581 (2015)
- Cambilargiu v. Bank of America N.A., 588 Fed.Appx. 728 (2014)
- Velasquez v. Chase Home Finance, LLC, 588 Fed.Appx. 676 (2014)
- Hamilton v. Home Sales Inc., 588 Fed.Appx. 698 (2014)
- Nguyen v. Bank of America, NA, 563 Fed.Appx. 558 (2014)
- Logan v. U.S. Bank, N.A., 722 F.3d 1163 (9th Cir. 2013)
- Barrientos v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. 633 F.3d 1186 (9th Cir. 2011)
- Clark v. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., 732 F.Supp.2d 1038 (E.D. Cal. 2010)
- Rosenfeld v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., 732 F.Supp.2d 952 (N.D. Cal 2010)

- Sullivan v. JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., 725 F.Supp.2d 1087 (E.D. Cal. 2010)
- Jensen v. Quality Loan Service Corp., 702 F.Supp.2d 1183 (E.D. Cal. 2010)
- McElroy v. Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp., 134 Cal.App.4th 388 (2005)