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Practices & Industries

- Transactions
- Litigation
- Education

Overview

Ralph G. Martinez is Of Counsel in the firm's Santa Ana office. Clients seeking Ralph's representation in litigation and transactions have included individuals, entrepreneurs, a national title insurance company, a national elevator company, financial institutions, general contractors and subcontractors in the construction industry, software developers, real estate brokers, buyers and sellers of commercial and residential real estate, developers, personnel agencies, accountants, medical providers, investment counselors, political consultants, victims of catastrophic injuries, class plaintiffs, light industrial producers of various products, web-based companies, and various nonprofit and religious corporations.

Ralph handled Plaintiff personal injury and business tort cases through trial and appeal. He represented agricultural cooperatives, oil companies and ancillary subcontracting companies to the oil industry, developers, banks and local businesses. Ralph's more recent law practice is decidedly weighted in real estate matters, particularly cases involving title claims, nondisclosure or purchase/sale.

Ralph was interested in alternative dispute resolution (ADR) early in his career. A founding director of the Christian Conciliation Service of San Diego, Inc. (1982), He sought to resolve disputes between persons of faith within their faith institutions through mediation and binding arbitration. Ralph taught a 7-week Conflict-Resolution course at Mount Soledad Presbyterian Church in La Jolla, California.

Memberships

- Member, State Bar of California
- Member, Orange County Bar Association
- Member, Aliso Creek Church (Presbyterian Church In America – Aliso Viejo, CA)
- Member, Daniels Inn of Orange County
- Member, Toastmasters International
- Past Board Member, Orange County Trial Lawyer's Association
- Past President, San Diego County Christian Legal Society
- Adjunct Professor of Communication, Bakersfield Community College
- Past Member, Executive Committee of the California State Bar Committee on Law Practice Management and Technology
- Past Board Member, Kearny Mesa Federal Credit Union
- Past Founding Board Member, Christian Conciliation Service of San Diego
- Past President/Elder, Mount Soledad Presbyterian Church (La Jolla, CA)
- Past Chairman, National Board of Trustees, International Students, Inc.

Education / Admissions

Education:

- J.D., California Western School of Law, San Diego, CA (1978)
- B.A., with honors in Communication and Business Administration, Azusa Pacific University, 1975

Bar Admissions:

State Bar of California

Matters

- *Kagasoff vs. Montejano*, Orange County Superior Court Case. Represented plaintiff in a legal malpractice case against a twice Presidential appointee defendant attorney for failure to prosecute a legal malpractice case against a tax attorney for negligent representation in the off-shore, leveraged buy-out of plaintiff's business. 1992 Jury Verdict: \$1,774,000.00.
- Handled the foreclosure and interim placement of a receiver in multiple high-rise office buildings where the developer/owner was skimming rents for other projects.

Other Publications

Publications:

- "California's New Cell Phone Law – What Drivers and Employers Need to Know" EzineArticles.com (April 12, 2008).
- "Your Employment Agreement Became Outdated Last Week" EzineArticles.com (August 13, 2008).
- "Thwarting Identity Theft – The Disposal Rule" EzineArticles.com (October 13, 2008).

- “Strategic Use of Contract Attorneys: Litigation and Transactions” The Bottom Line (October, 2014), published by The Law Practice Management & Technology Section of the State Bar of California.