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Practices & Industries

- Litigation
- Government & Regulatory
- Education

Overview

Rick Navarrette helps his clients achieve their strategic and corporate objectives. Whether he's representing public entities – municipalities, public utilities, and the like – or private companies headquartered in and around southern California, he develops and executes effective solutions to legal issues that hinder their business success.

His work for public entities covers a broad range of commercial and business litigation, including in particular employment cases concerning racial, gender and age discrimination, sexual harassment and retaliation, as well as general tort defense matters related to a number of issues. In addition, Rick regularly helps public entity owners resolve disputes involving construction management supervision, errors and omissions in plans or specifications, delays in issuing change orders, scope of work disputes, stop notices, termination and abandonment issues, and other related breach of contract claims.

For his private clients, Rick has acted as lead trial counsel in cases involving national and international commercial sales, real and personal property secured transactions, misappropriation of trade secrets, and unfair competition in both state and federal courts. His clients consider him an indispensable part of their success: he knows their business, he understands their risk profile, and he proposes – and delivers – solutions that line up with their short- and long-term goals.

Rick's recent work includes successfully helping several financial institutions in both trial court and on appeal defend wrongful foreclosure, and breach of contract regarding loan modifications, fraud and related lender liability claims, predatory loan origination cases, and title insurance matters.

Rick is a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association and of the Mexican-American Bar Association. He's a former long-standing member of the Hollywood Wilshire Y-Board of Managers and remains active in the Greater Los Angeles County Y community.

Memberships

- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Mexican American Bar Association
- Hollywood Wilshire Y- Board of Managers (10 years)

Education / Admissions

Education:

- J.D., University of California, Los Angeles, 1985
- B.A., University of Arizona, 1982, *cum laude*

Bar Admissions:

State Bar of California

Court Admissions

- Central District of California
- Northern District of California
- Southern District of California
- District of Arizona
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

Matters

Other representations include:

- Represented an overseas seller of computer products in a Federal court jury trial and received jury verdict of approximately \$1,000,000 for recovery of value of products sold to U.S. company purchaser.
- Obtained on behalf of a business owner a jury verdict awarding in excess of \$500,000 on claims of misappropriation of trade secrets and unlawful business practices against a former employee who started competing business.
- Successfully defended a municipality against a multi-million dollar dangerous condition claim brought by pedestrian injured and left paraplegic by a large commercial truck traveling in a city roadway.
- Helped public entity client settle several cases and recover significant funds relating to claims of violation of California Government Code Section 1090
- Secured million dollar jury verdicts for financial institutions clients on several commercial loan cases brought against borrowers and guarantors to recover funds lent to defendants
- Lead counsel in arguing appeals before Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth District Court of Appeals in California