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EDUCATION

University of California College of Law, San Francisco, J.D., 2005.
University of California Los Angeles, B.A., 2002.

EXPERIENCE

Andrew G. Watters, Esq., Redwood City, CA

Owner (July 2012 to present) (F/T)

Operate and manage a small law firm (four attorneys and three administrative professionals) handling aggressively litigated general civil and complex family law matters, including numerous trials, depositions, hearings, and appeals/writs, with 80+ cases pending at any moment. Conduct complex private investigations according to law, including homicide and corporate espionage. Handle all manner of litigation proceedings independently and with support from employees and Of Counsel attorneys, and also on an Of Counsel basis for area law firms. Attorneys served: Coddington, Hicks & Danforth, P.C., Redwood City, CA (A/V) (June 2016 to January 2017; May 2022 to November 2023)—work on insurance defense cases; SAC Attorneys, LLP, San Jose, CA (July 2013 to May 2016)—handle all of the firm’s civil litigation, including multiple trials, and supervise two associate attorneys and support staff; Law Offices of Parviz Darabi, Burlingame, CA (March 2013 to January 2017)—work on plaintiffs’ consumer fraud and employment cases.



WealthPLAN LLP, San Jose, CA (A/V)

Litigation Attorney (January 2011 to July 2012) (F/T)

Handled general civil and estate and trust litigation matters, including creditors’ claim lawsuits, that arose from firm’s specialized estate planning and trust administration practice. Took depositions of adverse parties and witnesses. Presented probate and trust-related petitions. Investigated and developed matters for trial, including extensive review of financial and other records, coordination with expert witnesses such as accountants and appraisers, client interviews, and written discovery. In March 2011, second-chaired \$7 million two-day court trial, including trial direct and cross examination of opposing party. Supervised by Francis B. Doyle, Esq. (A/V).

Robinson & Wood, Inc., San Jose, CA (A/V)

Litigation Attorney (April 2010 to December 2010) (F/T)

Assisted in the handling of insurance defense matters (70%), plaintiffs’ personal injury/wrongful death matters (15%), and commercial litigation (15%). Took depositions of fact witnesses, including parties. Investigated and developed matters for trial. Conducted all necessary law and motion work and discovery, including Motions for Summary Adjudication. Supervised by Joseph C. Balestrieri, Esq. (A/V).

O'Brien Watters & Davis LLP, Santa Rosa, CA (A/V)

Litigation Attorney (February 2006 to May 2009) (F/T)

Handled general civil litigation (50%) and high-asset family law matters (50%). Worked up and tried (second chair) plaintiffs' fraud/financial elder abuse matter from client intake in Fall 2006 to ten-day jury trial in April 2009. Presented three days of trial direct and re-direct examinations of two expert witnesses. Worked up an aggressively litigated \$56 million Dissolution of Marriage involving financial irregularities, partnership valuation issues, a forty-three year marriage with a sixteen year separation, reverse-Pereira claims, stipulated distributions of multiple millions of dollars of property, and numerous motions, from intake in February 2006 to departure in May 2009. In 2008, presented (first chair) five-day Feldman motion, conducted substantially as a trial, seeking \$933,000 in attorney fees and sanctions under Family Code sec. 271 and sec. 2107. In 2006, tried (second chair) ten day jury trial for defendant general contractor in construction defect matter. In 2008, tried (first chair) and prevailed in court trial in dispute between firm and former client over professional fees. Assisted in dividing \$25 million in assets and resolving issues at five-day mediation. Prepared ninety-page property narrative from public records and aerial photography, proving community characterization by tracing property transactions and construction over a sixty year period (1948-2008). Took and defended thirty-two depositions; eight party or party-affiliated depositions defended. Prepared, filed, and argued all types of motions and orders to show cause. Handled all written discovery and filed or opposed all discovery motions. Interviewed, hired, and interfaced with expert witnesses. Supervised legal secretary and law clerk. Argued before First District Court of Appeal in free speech matter. Analyzed outpatient imaging center and ambulatory surgery center program model for 45-physician medical group under Federal "Stark II" regulation in 2007. Supervised by Michael G. Watters, Esq. (A/V) (2/23/2006-12/31/2008); by Joseph A. Piasta, Esq. (A/V) (1/1/2009- 5/29/2009). Published case: *Bonfigli v. Strachan* (2011) 192 Cal. App. 4th 1302 (trial counsel).

ACTIVITIES, AWARDS, AND LICENSES

Bar admissions: California (#237990, 11/22/2005); U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California (12/2005); U.S. District Court for the Central District of California (8/2023); U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California (5/2011). Member, Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA), 2013-present. Guest Lecturer, Stanford University Program in Writing and Rhetoric, 2011-2012. Theta Chi International Fraternity: President, Beta Alpha Chapter at UCLA, 2001. UCLA Mock Trial: Attorney, Witness 2001-2002. National Championship participant 2002.

MISCELLANEOUS

Total trials: thirty-four (five jury trials and twenty-nine court trials), plus three JAMS arbitrations. Total depositions taken: 100+ (median length 150 pages). Total depositions defended: 30+. Proficient in standard Windows/Mac office applications, plus image editors, desktop publishing software, Linux/Unix, HTML/CSS, and PHP/SQL (hand-coded). Part-time guitar builder and computer systems integrator: <https://www.raellic.com>

TRIAL RECORD

Case and Venue	Result	Notes
37. In re Marriage of Davis, Alameda Co., two-day date of separation trial, 2024.		Decision expected Fall 2024.
36. Gong v. Cheung, Los Angeles Co., three-day trial over a charitable organization, 2024.		Decision expected Fall 2024.
35. Bhas v. Bhas, San Mateo Co., half-day income available for support trial, 2024.	Won	Client prevailed.
34. Ma v. Olabi, San Mateo Co., three-day unlawful detainer jury trial, 2024.	Lost	Unsuccessful defense of unlawful detainer centered on Tenant Protection Act.
33. Galliano v. Langlinais, San Mateo Co., two-day long-term support modification trial, 2023.	Lost	Long-term support denied.
32. Olabi v. Ma, San Mato Co., one-day civil harassment trial, 2023.	Won	Civil Harassment Restraining Order granted.
31. Whitney v. Welsh, San Mateo Co., half-day domestic violence renewal trial, 2023.	Won	DVRO in favor of client renewed.
30. Xu v. Chun, San Mateo Co., 2-day divorce trial, 2023.	Lost	Opposing party substantially prevailed.
29. Rudy v. Ragual, San Mateo Co., 1-day Marvin v. Marvin-type trial, 2023.	Won	\$458,000 money judgment for client for support, plus sale of joint property.
28. Taiebat v. Abdolyousefi, Santa Clara Co., 1-day domestic violence trial, 2022.	Won	DVRO in favor of client granted, DVRO against client denied.
27. Zada v. El Shami, San Mateo Co., 3-day divorce trial, 2022.	Won	Client substantially prevailed.
26. Javanmard v. Asgari, Santa Clara Co., half-day domestic violence trial, 2022.	Won	DVRO denied after trial.
25. Galan v. Pada, Santa Clara County, half-day domestic violence trial, 2022	Lost	Unsuccessful defense of DVRO.
24. In re Marriage of Forrester, San Mateo County, 5-day divorce trial, 2021	Won	Client substantially prevailed.
23. Acosta v. Acosta, San Mateo County, 3-day domestic violence trial, 2021	Lost	Unsuccessful defense of DVRO.
22. In re Marriage of Shirname, Contra Costa County, 2-day divorce trial, 2021	Lost	Opposing party substantially prevailed.
21. Reyes v. Lopez, San Mateo County, 3-day domestic violence trial, 2020	Won	DVRO denied after trial.

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20. Petty-Eifert v. Aviano Enterprises, Inc., San Francisco County, 3-day JAMS arbitration, 2020.	Lost	Real estate arbitration.
19. Wang v. Alipay, Santa Clara County, 5-day JAMS arbitration, 2019	Lost	Employment arbitration over sham performance reviews.
18. In re Marriage of Sarkar, San Mateo County, 2-day trial on date of separation, 2019	Won	Date of separation was as stated by my client.
17. Kingsdale v. Chan, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, 1-day court trial, 2019.	Won	80% discharged and the judgment was less than the offer.
16. In re Marriage of Diloy, San Mateo County, 2-day enforcement trial, 2019	Lost	Enforcement of judgment/MSA
15. Esposito v. Esposito, Santa Clara County, 3-day domestic violence trial, 2017	Lost	Unsuccessful defense of DVRO.
14. Frazer v. Chan, Contra Costa County, 5-day court trial, 2017.	Lost	Real estate fraud case.
13. Hoda Globe v. Cai, Santa Clara County, 5-day court trial, 2016.	Lost	Settled before final decision.
12. Jiang v. IvyMax, Inc., San Mateo County, 5-day jury trial, 2016.	Won	Defense verdict in fraud case.
11. Fong v. Intero Realty, Santa Clara County, 3-day JAMS arbitration, 2016.	Lost	Real estate arbitration.
10. IvyMax v. Chan, Alameda County, 1-day court trial, 2015.	Lost	Former employee competed with client's business.
9. Andaya v. Cassara, Alameda County, 3-day jury trial, 2015	Won	Small jury verdict in personal injury case.
8. Buckley v. Control Line Electric, Inc., Santa Clara County, 5-day court trial, 2015.	Won	\$410,000 judgment for Plaintiff, including \$200,000 in punitive damages.
7. Wang v. Wang, Santa Clara County, 3-day court trial, 2014.	Won	Small judgment for Plaintiff in a fraud case.
6. Ponce v. Ponce, one-day domestic violence trial, 2014.	Lost	Unsuccessful defense of DVRO.
5. Pestana v. Pestana, three-day trust administration trial, 2011	Won	Removal of trustee and sanctions against him regarding \$7 million trust.
4. OWD v. Smith, Sonoma County, half-day court trial, 2008	Won	Collections action.

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3. OWD v. Toress, Sonoma County, half-day court trial, 2008	Won	Workplace violence restraining order.
2. Bonfigli v. Strachan, Sonoma County, 10-day jury trial, 2007* Second chair.	Lost	Won on re-trial following appellate reversal due to error in first trial.
1. Gonsalves v. Crabtree, Sonoma County, 5-day jury trial, 2006* Second chair.	Lost	Client declined to pay for defective windows.
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