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Class Action Defense Chair

- Jeffrey L. Richardson, Partner, (310) 312-3769

MS&K has an impressive track record in managing class action, multi-plaintiff, and complex litigation matters with our clients' need for cost containment, quality legal services, and informed coordination always at the forefront of our client interaction.

The firm works with each client to carefully evaluate liability, develop strategies to reduce or eliminate liability, and finally dismiss or, if necessary, creatively settle the action.

Representative Class Action Matters

Represented five major motion picture studios and two television networks, and acted as liaison counsel for all other network, motion picture and talent agency defendants, in a series of proposed class actions alleging that these entities discriminate against older television writers.

Represented 10 major motion picture studios and TV networks in class actions alleging that hundreds of thousands of workers were not timely paid wages. Includes claims for waiting time penalties and claims under California Business & Professions Code § 17200.

Represented one of the world's largest beer manufacturers in a wage and hour class action involving alleged failure to reimburse employees for expenses in maintaining uniforms.

Counsel for large product manufacturer in nationwide class action seeking more than \$2 billion in damages on behalf of more than 500,000 class members.

Currently represent an international consumer electronics company in a proposed nationwide class action alleging that defendants manufactured and sold defective televisions.

Currently counsel for major music publishers in multiple intellectual property class action cases.

Currently counsel for major networks and production companies in two class actions by writers on more than a dozen television reality shows.

Retained as special class settlement counsel and co-trial counsel in an already certified class action involving nearly 200,000 class members; developed and negotiated innovative global settlement.

Obtained dismissal of class action suit against a major motion picture studio that alleged race and national origin discrimination.

Represented a manufacturer in a nationwide class action seeking more than \$6 billion in damages on behalf of one million putative class members. After we defeated plaintiffs' initial motion for class certification, we successfully negotiated an extremely favorable settlement.

Represented a large wireless communications provider in a class action and California Business & Professions Code § 17200 case arising out of the sale of cellular telephones, alleging the telephones were sold with false and misleading advertising.

Represented an independent record company in a class action alleging improper wage deductions and pay practices.

Provided litigation/mediation counsel to Tidewater Marine Western, Inc., in a wage and hour class action, efficiently closing a matter for our client that had been in litigation for ten years with prior counsel.

Obtained dismissal of the class-wide allegations against a leading clothing manufacturer charged with violating wage and hour laws, overtime laws, and laws against industrial homework. The suit included claims under Business & Professions Code § 17200.

Represented the world's largest bottling company in five purported wage and hour class actions, also stated as representational California Business & Professions Code § 17200 claims, in which thousands of putative class members across California alleged violations of various wage and hour laws.