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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

JOHN K. HART, ESQ.; Los Angeles, California
Arbitrator and Mediator (January 2014 –Present)

SPILE, LEFF & GOOR, LLP; Encino, California
Of Counsel (February 2010 to 2013)
Represent clients in complex business litigation matters. Serve as a commercial arbitrator and mediator.

JOHN K. HART, ESQ.; Los Angeles, California
Arbitrator and Mediator (October 2008 –January 2010)

FARMERS GROUP, INC.; Los Angeles, California
Senior Corporate Counsel – Litigation Group (Oct. 2006- Sept. 2008)
Managed outside counsel in agent termination and employment discrimination/wrongful termination cases and consumer class actions.
Also worked on a team to develop electronic discovery protocols.

**QUINN EMANUEL URQUHART
OLIVER & HEDGES, LLP;** Los Angeles, California
Of Counsel – Litigation Group (2000-2006)
Represented clients in complex business litigation, consumer class actions, and representative actions under California's unfair competition statute (Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200); breach of contract, business torts; breach of fiduciary duty and legal malpractice claims.

BANK OF AMERICA; Los Angeles, California
Senior Counsel – Litigation Group (1992-1999)
Managed outside counsel in a wide variety of litigation matters, including lender liability, consumer class actions, debt collection, credit reporting, FTC “holder-in due-course” rule and Articles 2 and 9 of the Commercial Code.

KINDEL & ANDERSON; Los Angeles, California
Associate and Partner – Litigation Group (1980-1991)
Represented clients in civil actions and arbitration proceedings involving such issues as antitrust, unfair competition and other business torts, dealer/distributor terminations, partnership disputes, securities fraud, landlord-tenant, construction defects, and wrongful discharge.

AGNEW, MILLER & CARLSON; Los Angeles, California
Associate - Litigation Group (1979–1980)

Worked on the defense of antitrust and breach of contract action.

BUCHANAN, INGERSOLL; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Associate - Litigation and Labor Groups (1975-1979)

Worked on the defense of antitrust cases and FTC investigations. Represented clients in federal and state employment discrimination cases and advised clients on personnel matters. Drafted licensing, confidentiality agreements for a computer software company and advised clients on protecting their trade secrets.

NOTABLE LITIGATION RESOLUTIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

Obtained a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, and permanent injunction against a foreign bank enjoining the collection of a standby letter of credit and obtained an award of attorneys' fees on behalf of the applicant of the standby letter of credit.

Obtained a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction in favor of directors of a \$30 million closely-held corporation whom other directors ousted in a battle for control of the corporation. Forced a shareholders' vote, which gave control of the corporation to the ousted directors and the majority of the shareholder-employees.

Co-counsel for a former employee in a disability discrimination lawsuit against her former employer in which the recovery was over \$1 million in compensatory and punitive damages.

Obtained dismissal of a federal savings bank in an action brought under California's False Claims Act.

Obtained dismissal of a national bank a consumer class action involving fax fees.

Obtained dismissal of a national mortgage lender in a consumer class action involving usury issues.

Obtained summary judgment based upon ERISA preemption in favor of a company in a dispute with an employee over the denial of medical benefits.

Obtained summary judgment in favor of a national steel manufacturer against a claim of a religious discrimination failure to accommodate.

Successfully represented a brokerage firm in multi-million-dollar NASD

arbitration with two of its former high-level executives/brokers involving compensation issues.

Obtained a defense verdict for a regional brokerage firm and a securities dealer against allegations of fraud and churning in a jury trial in Los Angeles Superior Court.

Supervised outside counsel in several lender liability disputes that were successfully resolved by motions for summary judgment in favor of the lender.

Represented an insurance company and national bank in consumer class action regarding the payment of death benefits.

Supervised outside counsel of a nationwide finance company in consumer disputes involving credit reporting and debt collection.

Supervised outside counsel of a nationwide mobile home lender in consumer disputes involving repossessions, credit reporting, debt collection, force-placed insurance, and dealer disputes involving inventory financing.

Represented a former outside director of a failed savings and loan in an action brought by the FSLIC and negotiated his dismissal from the action for a nominal amount.

Represented a Japanese consumer electronics manufacturer's U. S. sales subsidiary in disputes regarding terminations of its distributors and warranty reimbursement issues under California's Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act.

Represented parties in several real estate disputes, including landlord-tenant, mold, and construction defects.

Represented limited partners as plaintiffs in a dispute with the general partner involving securities fraud issues.

Represented management in litigation with dissenting shareholders in a going-private transaction.

Represented a pension fund service provider in an ERISA action with plan participants alleging failures to execute stock trades, which involved complex accounting issues.

Represented real estate developers in disputes with homeowners and

homeowner associations arising from the conversion of multi-unit townhome projects from apartments to condominiums.

Represented a Japanese trading company in steel dumping action in Portland, Oregon.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH SCHOOL OF LAW; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Juris Doctor, *Cum Laude* (1972-1975)
Order of the Coif; Law Review; President of Third Year Class

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY; Lewisburg, Pennsylvania (1968-1972)
BA – Economics and Political Science
Member of Three National Honorary Societies; President of Senior and Junior Classes

ADMISSIONS

Supreme Courts of the States of Pennsylvania (1975) and California (1979)
United States Courts of Appeals for the Ninth and Third Circuits
United States District Courts for the Central, Southern, and Northern Districts of California and the Western District of Pennsylvania

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member, American Arbitration Association (Commercial and Employment Panels).

Member, Board of Directors of Dispute Resolution Services, 1998-1999.

Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association, and member of the Executive Committee of ADR Section 1995-1997; and member of the Labor & Employment Law, and Litigation Sections.

Member, Southern California Mediation Association.

Member, California Lawyers Association, and the Antitrust and Unfair Competition Law, Litigation, and Labor and Employment Law Sections.

Member, American Bar Association and the Dispute Resolution, Labor and Employment Law, and Litigation Sections.

Settlement Officer of the Los Angeles County Superior Court Joint Settlement Program (1988-99).

Member, Los Angeles County Superior Court Civil Pro Bono Mediation Panel (beginning in 2000), until the program ended in June 2013.

Member, Los Angeles County Superior Court Civil Party Pay Mediation Panel (beginning in 2011), until the program ended in June 2013.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

“Class-Wide Arbitration Agreements,” 2006 Class Action and Unfair Competition Law Conference, Bridgeport Continuing Education Program, Los Angeles, CA (April 6-7, 2006)

“The Role of 17200 in Class Action Suits,” Unfair Competition: California Section

17200 Litigation Conference, Bridgeport Continuing Education Program, Irvine, CA
(September 10, 2004)

"Show Me the Money: Recovery of Statutory Attorneys' Fees," Los Angeles County Bar
Association Environmental Section Continuing Education Program, Los Angeles, CA
(December 13, 2001)

PUBLICATION

"UNITED STATES V. ROBINSON - Scope of Search Incident to Custodial Arrest for a Traffic
Violation Defined," Note, UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH LAW REVIEW, vol. 35, no. 4, 1974.

HONORS

Named a Southern California "Super Lawyer" for business litigation in 2006 Super
Lawyers publication.