

Attorney Bio

Ranjan has significant experience in defending a wide range of clients in litigation and pre-litigation claims. Ranjan represents a wide range of clients, including individual homeowners, local businesses, and national companies. Ranjan defends clients in a broad range of claims, including claims involving business and employment disputes, toxic injuries, and construction related issues, and is regularly called upon to defend clients in complex multi-party litigation throughout California. Ranjan also provides consulting and advice to clients on business and employment matters.

Ranjan is part of a team that is retained to monitor and defend high-exposure environmental and toxic tort cases throughout the nation on behalf of several major insurance companies. As part of his responsibilities, Ranjan regularly assists local defense counsel and insurance carriers in evaluating complex liability and medical causation issues, as well as identifying and retaining appropriate defense experts.

Ranjan has appeared in both State and Federal Court and has argued before the California Court of Appeals.

Education

University of San Diego School of Law (J.D., 2004)

National University (M.S., 1998)

University of California, San Diego (B.A., 1994)

Licensed to Practice in:

California

Practice Areas

Commercial and Business Litigation

- Defend business owners and operators against variety of business disputes, including claims for unfair competition, breach of contract, and intentional interference with contractual relations.
- Successfully defended client in claim for damages arising out claim for interference with sale of business to third party.

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Construction

- Defend property owners, developers, and contractor against construction defect claims involving residential homes and multi-unit condominium developments.
- Represent developers and contractors in pre-litigations claims for construction defects, including claims made under SB800.
- Obtained dismissal with prejudice in favor of residential developer in products liability and breach of warranty action regarding allegedly defective plumbing.

Environmental

- Defend property owners against claims seeking recovery for remediation costs of soil, groundwater contamination, and hazardous waste.
- Defend local and national product manufacturers and suppliers against claims alleging personal injuries due to toxic exposure to environmental contaminants.
- Successfully resolved multi-plaintiff claim against chemical manufacturing company for personal injuries arising out of alleged chromium exposure by neighboring school children and teachers.

Employment

- Defend employers against claims for wrongful termination and wage and hour disputes.
- Defend employers and business owners against claims of misappropriation of trade secrets and unfair business practices.
- Provide advice and counseling to employers and business owners with respect to employment related matters.

Intellectual Property

- Defend clients against intellectual property claims, including claims of trademark and copyright infringement.
- Assist business owners in trademark identification and registration and activities to enforce and protect existing trademarks.

Mass Torts and Class-Action Defense

- Defend property owners against multi-plaintiff toxic tort claims arising out of exposure to environmental contaminants, including claims for exposure through soil and groundwater and claims for sick-building syndrome.
- Successfully defended client in federal class action litigation arising out of alleged violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

Mold and Water Damage

- Defend property owners, property management companies, builders, developers, contractors and construction managers against claims for bodily injury related to mold exposure.
- Serves as part of national monitoring team responsible for monitoring high exposure mold bodily injury claims

throughout the United States.

- Obtained defense summary judgment in mold bodily injury case based on lack of notice in favor of property owner and management company.

Product Liability

- Defend product manufacturers and distributors against claims for strict product liability arising from defective products, including industrial cleaning products.
- Defend product manufacturers and distributors against claims for strict product liability based on failure to warn, including claims made against distributors of medical drugs and devices.

Property Management and Tenant Litigation

Toxic Tort and Occupational Exposure

- Defend manufacturers, suppliers, and distributors against personal injury claims related to occupational chemical exposure, including exposure to benzene and other chemical compounds.
- Obtained defense summary judgment based on lack of product identification in favor of chemical recycling company in wrongful death case involving alleged occupational exposure to benzene.
- Obtained dismissal with prejudice in favor of manufacturer of machine lubricants in claim for personal injuries and toxic encephalopathy due to exposure to oils in machine shop.

Trial & Appellate Results

- [*Defense Verdict Rendered in Favor of WSHB Client in Lawsuit Arising From Business Transaction*](#)

Awards & Accomplishments

- Professor Robert and Dolores Simmons Award for Excellence in Environmental Law Practice, Outstanding Environmental Clinic Intern, 2004
- San Diego Law Review: Associate Editor, 2002-2003
- Judicial Extern, Hon. Ruben B. Brooks of the U.S. District Court, Southern District of California, 2002
- Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Legal Services, 1999-2000

Publications

- [*Supreme Court Provides Guidance on How to Challenge the Use of Statistical Damages Extrapolations*](#)
- [*Litigation Watch: Benzene – New Study Focuses on Benzene Biomarkers – Will Results Impact Litigation?*](#)
- Contributing Author, *Scenes from the Courtroom: Strategies for the Successful Use of Technology in the*

Courtroom, presented at West Coast Casualty's Construction Defect Seminar, May 12, 2005.

- Co-Author, *New Study Focuses on Benzene Biomarkers: Will Results Impact Litigation*, Harris Martin Litigation Watch: Benzene, October 2007.
- Author, *Understanding the Federal Medical Care Recovery Act*, San Diego Defense Lawyer (Spring 2010)
- Co-Author, *Avoiding Conflicts Under Wrap Policies*, DRI: For The Defense, June 2014.

Memberships

- Member, San Diego County Bar Association
- Member, American Inns of Court, Louis M. Welsh Inn
- Member, Claims and Litigation Management Alliance
- Member, DRI
- Member, Risk and Insurance Management Society, Inc. (RIMS), San Diego Chapter