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Practice Areas

Aviation

Complex Litigation

Civil Rights

Arthur Willner's practice emphasizes defense of high exposure, complex litigation arising from aviation, products liability, civil rights and commercial disputes. He is rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell and has been selected four times by his peers as a Southern California Super Lawyer in the area of Civil Litigation Defense, an honor that fewer than five percent of attorneys receive.

Art has successfully represented clients in state and federal courts in business cases involving claims of violations of civil rights, disability based discrimination, ethnic profiling, defamation, wrongful termination, breach of contract, and officer and director liability.

He also has broad experience in products liability, wrongful death and catastrophic injury cases arising out of major airline and general aviation accidents. Art's aviation clients include major and regional domestic and foreign air carriers, pilots and other crewmembers, general aviation operations, and manufacturers.

Art has served as lead defense counsel in numerous jury and non-jury trials, mediations and arbitrations, and also has substantial experience in multidistrict and mass tort litigation, including class actions. Among these was the defense of six officers and directors of a major consumer electronics company in a shareholder class action alleging fraud, executive agreement fraudulent conveyance, and conspiracy. In addition, Art defended a national air carrier against indemnity claims asserted by a cruise line in a class action brought by the purchasers of air/sea packages involving claims of unfair business practices, breach of contract, and conversion.

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Art's experience also includes the perspective of the client. He began his career as an in-house attorney with United States Aviation Underwriters, Inc., where he supervised outside counsel and directed the defense of airlines in high exposure litigation, prepared witnesses to testify at National Transportation Safety Board proceedings, and advised senior airline management on litigation and disaster planning issues.

Education

J.D., St. John's University School of Law, 1981

B.A., Columbia University, 1976

Admissions

California

New York

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth and Second Circuit

U.S. District Courts, Central, Southern, Eastern and Northern Districts of California

U.S. District Courts, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York