

Carlton Fields Practices Law in California

CALIFORNIA TRANSACTION HIGHLIGHTS

- Closed over \$300 million in mortgage loans on commercial properties throughout California within the last two years.
- Closed \$140 million secured loan to one of the country's leading owners, operators, and developers of major retail real estate.
- Negotiated design-build agreement for the expansion and renovation of the approximately \$120 million San Jose McEnery Convention Center.
- Negotiated a construction management agreement for renovations and upgrades to Dodger Stadium.
- Secured multimillion-dollar financing of 11 retail petroleum and convenience store sites (fee and leasehold) in multiple California counties.
- Secured ground lease financing at the Van Nuys Airport as part of a company acquisition.
- Represented client in \$69.5 million acquisition of multifamily complex.
- Secured purchases of substantially all the assets of numerous hearing aid centers in San Mateo and Santa Barbara.
- Representation of client in IRS appeal of \$3 million tax penalty.

CARLTON FIELDS is an *AmLaw* 200 firm with approximately 350 lawyers and government and financial consultants in 10 offices.

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CALIFORNIA LITIGATION HIGHLIGHTS

- Defended financial elder abuse case in month-long jury trial relating to claims of allegedly fraudulent/negligent sale of annuities. Plaintiff sought over \$20 million in damages and tried to expand this case to cover all of the client's sales of annuities in California, seeking administrative penalties of \$100,000 per annuity (a claim that was rejected by the trial judge).
- Historic class action settlement in pro bono representation of Bay Area and Southern California students in underperforming schools. The California State Board of Education approved a settlement protecting students from being assigned to "fake classes" that will lead to fundamental reforms in California schools where all students should be given equal access to a proper education.
- Representation of several of the nation's largest wireless providers in numerous actions throughout California federal district courts involving intellectual property, trademark, and antitrust litigation.
- Defended class action challenge against one of the world's largest food manufacturers to labeling of fruit snack products; obtained order on motion to dismiss. The case was subsequently resolved with no class certified.
- Member of the Defense Executive Committee in the largest fraudulent conveyance class action ever brought, involving more than 5,000 defendants.
- Defended international photographic media manufacturer in indirect purchaser antitrust class action alleging conspiracy to exclude competitor and price-fixing.
- Defended class action alleging failure to provide overtime, accurate wage statements, meal and rest periods, failure to pay wages upon termination, unfair competition, and violation of Labor Code §212.
- First copyright infringement actions involving the scope of the DMCA safe harbors filed against social networking sites.
- Copyright infringement action involving p2p file sharing service which resulted in seminal U.S. Supreme Court decision establishing claim for inducement of copyright infringement.
- Defense of numerous class actions involving issues such as alleged fraud, breach of contract, and UCL claims; lender-placed insurance practices; improper interest crediting; and gap premium claims.
- Amicus curiae brief for American Council of Life Insurers supporting prevailing view that restitution awarded under California Unfair Competition Law may not be trebled.
- Obtained Ninth Circuit reversal of injunction against settlement discussions in other forums in nationwide class action alleging, inter alia, RICO violations and unfair and fraudulent business practices.
- After obtaining dismissal of a breach of duty of indemnity claim, the firm won summary judgment for insurer client in connection with the defense of a *qui tam* lawsuit alleging violations of the California False Claims Act that plaintiff had settled for \$77.5 million.

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Carlton Fields practices law in California through Carlton Fields Jorden Burt, LLP.

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Lawyers currently with our firm handled matters in California for several years prior to the opening of the California office (both with Carlton Fields and predecessor firms).