

Oliver Q. Dunlap



Practice Focus

- Pharmaceutical Products Liability
- General Commercial Litigation
- Toxic Tort & Environmental Law
- Intellectual Property
- Internal Investigations & Securities
- International Human Rights and Alien Tort Statute
- Wine Law

Admitted to Practice

- California State Bar, 2003
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 2003
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California, 2003
- United States District Court for the District of Idaho, 2007

Education

- LLM Coursework, University College London, England, 2002
- J.D., University of Texas, School of Law, Austin, 2002
- B.S.F.S., Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., 1995
- Kings College, University of London, England
- McGhee Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies, Alanya, Turkey

In Brief

Oliver Dunlap is a civil litigator with extensive experience in a broad range of complex matters, including pharmaceutical products liability, general commercial litigation, toxic torts and environmental defense, intellectual property, securities and internal investigations, international human and civil rights, and wine law. Mr. Dunlap has regularly represented Fortune 500 and 1000 companies and industry leaders, as well as mid-sized corporations and start-ups, always with an eye to both his clients' litigation and business goals.

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Representative Matters

PHARMACEUTICAL – PRODUCTS LIABILITY

Mr. Dunlap acts as counsel for AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP and Zeneca Pharmaceutical Products in several product liability cases in state and federal courts. As part of a national litigation team, he has successfully removed over 70 cases, involving close to 1000 plaintiffs from across the country, while obtaining early dismissal in the majority of the actions.

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

Mr. Dunlap represents WaferGen Communication, Inc. in various commercial matters, including most recently the successful opposition of a writ of attachment. He has represented clients in cases concerning California's Unfair Business Practices Code (§17200), contract disputes and allegations of fraud and tortious interference, as well as provided general counsel concerning issues of litigation strategy and e-discovery management.

TOXIC TORT & ENVIRONMENTAL

Mr. Dunlap acts as counsel for The Dow Chemical Company as part of the Filice Brown Eassa & McLeod team in several complex perchloroethylene ("PCE") cases involving claims by private and public entities of groundwater contamination. He has also defended several firm clients in products and premises asbestos-related claims.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Mr. Dunlap has represented leading high-technology, electronics and life-science corporations in patent infringement, trade secret, and design patent, trade dress and trade mark litigation before U.S. District Courts, the Federal Circuit, I.T.C., U.S.P.T.O. and various international bodies. As local counsel he has assisted in coordinating massive international patent litigations in the lithography, smart card and pharmaceuticals industries. He also has acted as lead counsel in more discrete matters for leading retailers and foreign manufacturers, frequently negotiating early resolutions to matters for his clients.

INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS AND SECURITIES

Mr. Dunlap has provided counsel to Fortune 500 and 1000 companies in connection with both formal and informal government investigations. He has lead internal investigations in areas related to A.G. investigations of the insurance industry and backdating allegations, S.E.C. investigations of insider trading claims, and private party actions for securities law violations. He has also assisted in related presentations to corporate governance bodies, as well as successful negotiations with the S.E.C. and other governmental agencies.

Professional Honors and Associations

- California Bar Association: Special Committee for Administration of Justice, Electronic Access
- Working Group, and California Commission on Access to Justice; Litigation Section, Standing
- Committee on Jury Instructions
- Bar Association of San Francisco: Secretary, Conference of Delegates Executive Committee; Special Committee Co-Chair and Delegate
- Alameda County Bar Association: Barristers Club and Inns of Court
- Board of Directors, JCYC
- Alumnus, Appellate Division of the office of Prosecutor for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
- California Lawyer Magazine, Angel Award (2008)
- Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Legal Services (2005, 2008, 2009)

Languages

- French
- Conversational Turkish

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS – ALIEN TORT STATUTE

Mr. Dunlap has defended several leading extraction companies in Alien Tort Statute actions brought by foreign plaintiffs and governmental entities. He has also litigated issues of individual and corporate liability for violations of international law through his work with the United Nations and various NGOs.

WINE INDUSTRY

Mr. Dunlap has represented collectors, auction houses and vendors in efforts to address sales of counterfeit old and rare wines. In doing so, he has successfully resolved a multi-million dollar dispute, traced known fakes to their sources, and assisted in Federal investigation of the industry.

Publications/Presentations

- *TREC 2009 Legal Track*: Topic Authority and e-Discovery analyst
- *Discovery: Techniques, Strategies, Plans and Pitfalls in Complex Litigation* (BALSF workshop)
- *Complex Litigation - Discovery and Case Management* (BALSF workshop)
- *Building Your E-Discovery Tool Kit: Nuts & Bolts Issues Corporate Counsel Need to Know* (Client workshop)
- *San Francisco Attorney Magazine*, Attorney Lifestyle articles Spring 2004 and Summer 2005
- The Bar Association of San Francisco Bulletin, “*Conference of Delegates*” April 2009