

## Raymond J. Bergez



### Representative Clients

- BRIDGE-IT
- CUMIS Insurance Society
- Diamond Shamrock, Inc.
- March Metalfab, Inc.
- National Claims Management
- North Coast Railroad Authority
- Olin Corporation
- PPG Industries, Inc.
- Santa Fe Railway Company
- Budd Company
- Burlington Northern
- Dow Chemical Company
- Sherwin-Williams Company
- Union Pacific Railroad Company
- Waddel & Reed, Inc.

### Admitted to Practice

- California State Bar – 1964

### Education

- J.D., Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley, 1963
- A.B., University of California, Berkeley, 1960

### In Brief

Mr. Bergez is a founding partner of the firm and an experienced trial lawyer. He specializes in civil litigation, toxic torts, products liability, FELA defense, employment law, wrongful termination defense, and premises liability defense. He has tried more than 50 jury trials to verdict.

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### Significant Legislation

- *Setliff v. DuPont*, (1995) 32 Cal.App.4th 1525  
[Case involving alleged multiple chemical sensitivity and physical injury due to exposure to various paint and related products]
- *Rosario v. Diamond Shamrock Corp.*, Alameda County Superior Court (1993)  
[One of a series of cases involving alleged lung cancer deaths due to industrial chemical exposure]
- *Amos v. Union Pacific*, Alameda County Superior Court (1993) [FELA case involving hearing loss due to years of exposure to noise while working for railroad]
- *Morris v. Atchinson, Topeka and Santa Fe*, Contra Costa County Superior Court (1984) [Wrongful death case resulting from locomotive/automobile crossing accident]

### Professional Associations

- Alameda County and American Bar Associations
- State Bar of California
- National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel (Member: Board of Directors – Pacific Region 1999 to present)
- Defense Research Institute
- Association of Defense Counsel of Northern California (Member, Board of Directors, 1982–1983)
- Robert G. McGrath American Inn of Court (Member: Board of Directors 1999–2000)
- American Board of Trial Advocates