

Richard H. Poulson



Admitted to Practice

- California State Bar – 1995
- Georgia State Bar – 2000

Education

- J.D., Washington University School of Law, 1995
– Associate Editor, Washington University Law Quarterly
- B.A., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1992

Instructor

- Advanced Legal Drafting for California Paralegals (2003)

In Brief

Mr. Poulson is a litigation attorney specializing in complex litigation, toxic torts, and environmental contamination claims. Prior to joining Filice Brown, Mr. Poulson practiced with a private firm in Atlanta, Georgia and was a Staff Attorney for the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Partner

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Representative Matters

- Currently defending two major chemical companies in a complex coordinated proceeding regarding contamination of municipal wells throughout California.
- Currently defending a major chemical company in several lawsuits brought by thousands of former banana plantation workers in Central and South America claiming occupational exposure to a pesticide.
- Part of team acting as national coordinating counsel for a major chemical company in numerous actions claiming personal injury, property damage and wrongful death, as well as claims brought under CERCLA or state analogs in New Jersey, Texas, West Virginia, and throughout California.
- Defended major oil company in complex mass tort action brought by over 50,000 plaintiffs following a refinery explosion.
- Obtained dismissal of toxic exposure case brought by a film production worker.
- Obtained dismissal of personal injury action brought against a chemical manufacturer by several current and former residents near Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.
- Defended major pharmaceutical company in wrongful death and personal injury claims.
- Defended major oil company in refinery exposure case brought by two dozen plaintiffs, resulting in favorable settlement.
- Obtained dismissal of crop damage claim against major agricultural chemical manufacturer.
- Drafted successful appellate brief limiting the liability of former premises owners for latent defects. (*Lewis v. Chevron U.S.A., Inc.* (2004) 119 Cal. App.4th 690).

Professional Associations

- American Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute