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Biography

"For success, attitude is equally as important as ability."

Bringing a good-humored demeanor, but a quiet intensity to his practice, R. Mick Rubio has vast experience providing a vigorous defense against general and professional liability claims. Mick's clientele includes construction contractors, real estate developers, property managers, products distributors, attorneys, economic consultants, real estate agents and brokers, employers, homeowners associations, and private individuals. Mick has defense experience in construction defect, professional malpractice, personal injury, Davis-Stirling litigation, products liability, employment litigation, landlord-tenant litigation, and housing discrimination.

A disciplined attorney with a "measure twice, cut once" philosophy, Mick prides himself with his cogent writing ability, genial nature, and his readiness to go above and beyond. On otherwise convoluted cases, Mick endeavors to simplify the complex to help garner favorable results for clients. Mick is most proud of his early experiences in law school as a student attorney in the Elder Law Clinic providing aggressive pro bono counsel to low-income elderly clients in the Sacramento Region. Mick brings that same passion to his practice today.

Recent successes include:

Principle author of Motion for Summary Judgment challenging the viability of a plaintiff's products liability claim. The Court ruled in favor of Mick's client, effectively dismissing the client from plaintiff's suit.

In his representation of an attorney for legal malpractice, Mick was the principal author of a successful "anti-SLAPP" (Strategic Litigation Against Public Participation) motion against the plaintiff. This resulted in the dismissal of Mick's client, plus, recovery of the client's attorneys' fees and costs.

Lead attorney representing commercial landlord in a landlord/tenant dispute; matter resolved favorably at Mandatory Settlement Conference.

Cumis counsel for landlord in habitability matter; matter resolved in favorable pre-trial settlement.

In his representation of a materials supplier in litigation involving alleged construction defects on a tract home development, Mick drafted a Motion for Summary Judgment against a paving contractor who sued Mick's client. The papers, harnessed by a well-researched and detailed expert declaration, resulted in a dismissal of Mick's client before a hearing on the Motion.

In federal court, Mick authored a successful Motion to Transfer Venue, effectively moving venue from one state to another, giving his clients a strategic and invaluable defensive advantage in the litigation.

Outside of work, Mick's hobbies include modest attempts at playing guitar and piano, traveling and spending time with his wife, and spoiling his niece and nephew. As a native of the Bay Area, Mick takes every opportunity to cheer on his beloved San Francisco Giants and Golden State Warriors.

Education

J.D. University of the Pacific,
McGeorge School of Law, 2012, With
Distinction

B.A. University of California, Irvine,
2008

Bar Admissions

California

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, All California
Districts

Memberships

American Bar Association: Litigation
Division

The Bar Association of San Francisco

Awards

Pi Gamma Mu International Honors
Society (U.C. Irvine)

Witkin Award for highest grade in
Global Lawyering Skills I (Legal
Writing/Research) (McGeorge School
of Law)

Roger J. Traynor Honors Society
(McGeorge School of Law)

Capital Commendation for Public
Service, Admirable Commitment Level
(McGeorge School of Law)

Certificate in Business Law (McGeorge)

Matters of Note

Fraser v. Brightstar Franchising, LLC

United States District Court, Northern District of California, Case No. 16-cv-01966-JSC,
2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 107900, 2016 WL 4269869.