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Christensen v. Superior Court  
Elsworth v. Beech Aircraft Corp.  
Signal Companies, Inc. v. Harbor Ins. Co.  
Campbell v. Southern Pacific Co.

## **California Courts of Appeal\***

Birl v. Heritage Care, LLC  
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Hogan v. Country Villa Health Services  
In re Vaccine Cases  
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Weseloh Family Ltd. Partnership v. K.L. Wessel Const. Co.  
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Bechtel Petroleum Operations Inc. v. Continental Ins. Co.  
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Artiglio v. Corning, Inc.  
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Armstrong World Industries, Inc. v. Aetna Casualty & Surety Co.  
Powers v. Optical Radiation Corp.  
Robbins v. Hamburger Home for Girls  
Viner v. Brockway  
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Artiglio v. Superior Court  
Armstrong World Industries, Inc. v. Aetna Casualty & Surety Co.  
La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club, Inc. v. Industrial Indemnity Co.  
Aerojet-General Corp. v. Transport Indemnity Insurance  
Handy v. First Interstate Bank  
Mullins v. Mayflower Ins. Co.  
Lua v. Southern Pacific Transportation Co.  
Coy v. County of Los Angeles  
In re Cowan  
Buehler v. Alpha Beta Co.  
Alicia T. v. County of Los Angeles  
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Wiley v. Southern Pacific Transportation Co.  
Elene H. v. County of Los Angeles  
Leighton v. Old Heidelberg, Ltd.  
Rivera v. Southern Pacific Transportation Co.  
Coats v. K-Mart Corp.  
Aerojet-General Corp. v. Superior Court  
Duckett v. Superior Court  
Estate of MacLeod  
Pasadena Star-News v. Superior Court  
Winterburn v. City of Pomona  
Brake v. Beech Aircraft Corp.  
City of Pomona v. Superior Court  
Twohig v. Briner  
Abellon v. Hartford Ins. Co.  
Harbor Ins. Co. v. Central National Ins. Co.  
Harris v. Trojan Fireworks Co.  
Keenan v. Smith  
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Bergman v. St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Co.  
McElhaney v. Cessna Aircraft Co.  
Del Mar Beach Club Owners Assn. v. Imperial Contracting Co.  
Southern Pacific Transportation v. White Motor Corp.  
Harris v. Trojan Fireworks Co.  
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### **United States Circuit Courts of Appeals**

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Sentry Ins. Co. v. U.S. Reports, Inc.  
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Zimmerman v. Cambridge Credit Counseling Corp.  
Carson Harbor Village, Ltd. v. Unocal Corp.  
Thompson v. Mahre  
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Martel v. County of Los Angeles  
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Porter v. Martinez  
Hydro Systems, Inc. v. Continental Ins. Co.  
Branson v. City of Los Angeles  
Ellison v. Shell Oil Co.

### **State Supreme Courts Outside of California**

Terracon Consultants Western, Inc. v. Mandalay Resort Group (Nevada)  
Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall v. Hilton Hotels, Corp. (Nevada)



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