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A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF OUR PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate Advocacy

- With over 190 reported opinions, we play a significant role in shaping California and federal law.
- In the California Supreme Court, we have been involved in major cases concerning insurance coverage, product liability, tort liability and construction.
- MPP is a highly respected firm in the appellate courts.

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Architect & Engineer Law

- Our Architect and Engineer Law practice is guided by experience within the design professional disciplines, giving us particular insight into the special issues and concerns raised in such cases.
- Our experience also includes: design defects in residential, commercial, and industrial buildings; contract disputes; worker injuries; drafting and negotiation of professional service contracts; errors and omissions claims for improper or inadequate design; construction administration; coordination; as well as observation and/or supervision of construction.

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Asbestos Litigation

- MPP is a leader in Asbestos litigation; our attorneys were members of a defense steering committee responsible for coordinating and drafting the standard, court approved written discovery, case management orders and case evaluation forms still in use today.
- We have handled and/or monitored the handling of over 5,000 asbestos claims.
- Our cases have involved products such as thermal insulation, cement, gaskets, stucco, talc, pumps, roofing materials and textiles for industries such as the military, shipyards, refineries, residential and commercial construction.

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Aviation & Marine Law

- Our Aviation and Marine attorneys represent all types of transportation clients. We provide advice and counseling to help avoid or reduce litigation. In cases where litigation is unavoidable, we offer focused and effective legal assistance.
- We have experience representing aviation and marine clients before state and federal administrative agencies, as well as trial and appellate courts, in lawsuits pertaining to numerous types of transportation matters, including: cargo claims, products liability, personal injury, salvage, marine insurance, toxic torts, aircraft leasing and financing, employment disputes and regulatory compliance.

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Business Transactions

- Our Clients: We provide legal expertise to clients in a variety of industries, including manufacturing, aerospace, banking, entertainment, real estate, retail chains, restaurants, apparel, healthcare and insurance. We represent domestic and international businesses ranging from family businesses to Fortune 100 companies.
- Business Counseling: Together with our employment and environmental attorneys, we advise clients on the wide-range of problems and regulations faced by business. Our attorneys have served as in-house and outside general counsel for a number of companies. Our experience enables us to understand our clients' businesses and industries, as well as to proactively prevent unforeseen problems and costly litigation.
- Mergers & Acquisitions: We have represented numerous domestic and international clients in acquisitions and dispositions. These transactions have been structured as stock or asset purchases, mergers, tender offers or joint ventures.
- Commercial Financing: We represent borrowers and lenders in secured and unsecured financings, including lines of credit, asset based financing, factoring and similar credit facilities, and project financings for projects and acquisitions.

- Licensing: We assist clients in all aspects of implementing a licensing or merchandising program, including exploiting ancillary properties and the protection and enforcement of trademark and other proprietary rights.

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Civil Litigation

- We represent companies of all sizes in traditional general casualty cases.
- We have considerable experience in a wide range of tort litigation, covering all aspects of transportation, premises liability and third party criminal acts.
- We have also been proactive in reducing or eliminating potential litigation through educational seminars.

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Commercial Law, Intellectual Property & Unfair Competition

- Our commercial litigation attorneys have a wealth of experience in the representation of companies and partnerships engaged in businesses such as medical products manufacturing, construction, real estate, health care, professional services and entertainment.
- We represent corporations, partnerships and individuals in trademark, copyright and unfair competition litigation arising from sales and promotion of products and/or services. We also provide advice on these and related issues to help protect our clients' valuable intellectual property.
- We negotiate and draft contracts for: real estate development projects; commercial leases and corporate acquisitions; sales; mergers and restructuring.
- We have a superb track record in litigation over claims of statutory and common law unfair competition, including lawsuits alleging trade libel, theft of trade secrets, false advertising and restraint of trade.

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Construction Law

- Our Construction Law practice has tried, arbitrated, and mediated hundreds of construction claims and disputes.
- Many of our construction attorneys have studied and/or practiced within the construction industry, some as registered architects and engineers, allowing them to apply unique knowledge to construction matters.
- We have a wide range of experience, including: review and drafting of contracts; delay claims; claims of defects; mechanics' liens; and stop notice issues.
- We assist in disputes arising before, during or after construction.

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Employment Law

- We represent employers of all sizes, in all aspects of employment litigation, and have successfully tried employment cases.
- We have experience in numerous areas, including: discrimination; public policy wrongful termination claims; wage and hour questions; hiring and firing decisions; leaves of absence; benefits; retaliation; defamation; claims of harassment; workplace violence; stock option disputes; and disability suits.
- We minimize exposure before litigation ensues (reducing our clients' cost of doing business), and we handle issues promptly, efficiently, and with mutual respect and cooperation.
- We familiarize ourselves with all aspects of our clients' operations, and provide individual counseling and training to supervisors and managers.
- We track all legal and legislative issues affecting the employment relationship, and we keep abreast of both factual and legal developments affecting each pending case.

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Entertainment Law

- Our attorneys have extensive experience in business transactions and litigation in the entertainment industry including music, sports, art, motion picture and television.
- We handle the purchase, sale, financing and licensing of entertainment properties, such as home video technology and music and video libraries, as well as the protection and enforcement of trademark and other proprietary rights.
- We represent clients in joint ventures for television and motion picture production, concert promotion and theme park development. We have also negotiated talent, venue and sponsorship agreements.

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Environmental Law/Toxic Tort

- We have acted as counsel in both regulatory agency proceedings and litigation involving violations and permitting matters under the California Environmental Quality, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts, among others.
- We specialize in: chemical and toxic exposure; water and air pollution; hazardous materials; superfund litigation; mold cases; products including solvents, resins, pesticides and fungicides.

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Government Liability

- We understand the special legal environment in which public entities and special districts operate, and are well-versed in the procedural and substantive defenses afforded to governmental entities.
- Our experience also includes issues related to government contracts, assault and battery, intentional torts, taking of property, discrimination, government immunities, government employment and fraud.

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Insurance Law

- We are one of the nation's leading law firms in the litigation of insurance coverage disputes, with decades of experience and long-standing success.
- We have played a leading role in shaping California insurance law, and have achieved success in important state and federal appellate decisions.
- Our experience includes: bad faith claims arising from construction defects; environmental damage; drug and chemical exposures; fire and theft losses; earthquake damage; investigation of first-party property claims.

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Lawyers' Professional Liability

- In addition to trial experience, we are particularly proud of our record of achieving early dispositive success by way of demurrer, motions for summary judgment and the California anti-SLAPP statute.
- Because of MPP's broad range of practice areas, our attorneys have instant access to expertise in virtually any kind of legal malpractice claim.
- We have experience with: securities law; trusts, wills and estates; corporations and partnerships; family law; defamation; entertainment law; criminal law; medical malpractice; and much more.
- We take an active role in the issues that are important to members of the professional liability community, notably through speaking and writing opportunities.

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Long Term Care & Health Care

- We have developed an expertise in disease etiology of the elderly to assist in early identification and analysis of the unique medical claims inherent in our practice.
- We have a wide range of experience, including: elder abuse and neglect; professional negligence; fraud; unfair business practices; wrongful death; breach of contract; licensing and regulatory issues; investigations; privacy issues under HIPAA and state laws; among others.
- We represent a wide range of providers, including skilled nursing facilities, retirement hotels, assisted living facilities, board and care facilities, adult day care facilities, hospice care providers, residential care facilities for the elderly, management companies for the providers, and consulting companies for the providers.

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Pharmaceuticals, Medical Devices & Biologics

- For over 20 years, we have represented clients in this industry as national, regional and local counsel.
- Our experience in the areas of pharmaceuticals and biologics includes clinical trials and active pharmaceutical ingredients for the treatment of a variety of disorders.
- Our experience in the area of medical devices includes: robotics; silicone breast implants; intraocular lenses; latex gloves; lasers; cardiac devices; x-ray devices; apnea monitors; surgical instruments; and wheelchairs.

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Products Liability

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Professional Liability

- We represent lawyers, architects, engineers, construction managers, real estate brokers/agents, insurance brokers/agents, accountants, financial advisers, and other licensed professionals.
- Our many services include: loss prevention, risk management, contract review and transaction advice, as well as effective representation in all forms of litigation, including mediation, arbitration and trial.

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Real Estate Law

- MPP provides full-service real estate representation.
- Our transactional team provides representation to real property owners, lenders, developers, and investors in the acquisition, entitlement, development, financing, leasing and disposition of real property assets, such as: apartment buildings, commercial and residential development projects, high rise offices, hotels, industrial properties, restaurants, and retail.
- Our litigation team has extensive experience successfully representing investors, developers, title companies, lenders, mortgage bankers, landlords, tenants and contractors in complex litigation matters. Our real estate litigators take an aggressive but practical approach to our representation, and craft solutions to disputed issues.

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ABOUT MORRIS POLICH & PURDY LLP

Morris Polich & Purdy LLP is a law firm that works with its clients on a national basis. We represent clients in every state, as well as many U.S. possessions. We also have a wealth of international affiliations.

Our dedication to clients, combined with extensive experience, both in the trial and appellate courts, are the qualities that distinguish us from other law firms. Our trial attorneys are known for their vast experience and success. We provide superior legal services in a manner consistent with our clients' best interests and goals. We are committed to expertise in all our areas of practice, knowing our clients' businesses and providing client service at the highest level.

DIVERSITY

More than just a word, diversity truly matters to us and to our clients. In keeping with our firm culture, we recognize the importance of diversity throughout the firm, to each other and to our clients.

Attorneys

Percentage of Minority Attorneys: **26%**

Percentage who are:

- African-American: **1%**
- Asian: **16%**
- Latino: **5%**
- Other: **4%**

Percentage of Women Attorneys: **39%**

Other Firm Employees

Percentage of Minority Employees: **57%**

Percentage who are:

- African-American: **12%**
- Asian: **11%**
- Latino: **33%**
- Other: **1%**

ATTORNEYS

We recruit highly motivated individuals with exceptional verbal and writing abilities. We ensure that our attorneys are experts in their respective areas of practice. Our attorneys also regularly attend educational programs and provide leadership in multiple local, regional and national professional organizations.

MISSION STATEMENT

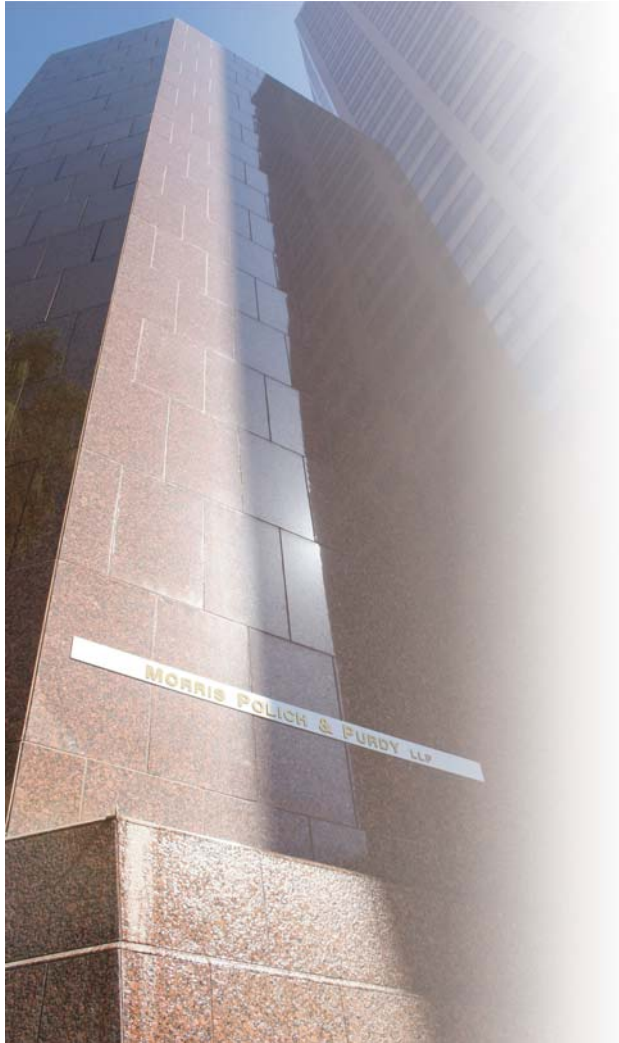
- We deliver superior performance for every client. We listen to their needs, understand their businesses, and partner with them to meet their own goals.
- We use a problem-solving framework that ensures the most creative and successful outcome.
- We are committed to leadership and management that recognize and support our diversity, individual talents and strengths.
- We serve our clients and our communities by participation in professional, educational, industry, and community organizations.

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