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Main Bio

Randy Moore represents clients in complex product liability, commercial, class action, and admiralty/maritime litigation. His trial and litigation experience includes the defense of product manufacturers in maritime, wrongful death, catastrophic personal injury, general commercial, class action, and consumer warranty cases in federal and state courts. Randy also counsels product manufacturers on compliance with state and federal regulations and industry standards, and advises them on product liability preventative measures, safety recalls, warnings, product operation manuals and warranties. Randy also serves as a private arbitrator, mediator, and discovery referee on civil disputes in state and federal courts.

Representative Experience

Trial & Litigation

- Obtained several involuntary dismissals for multi-level marketing company in multi-state and single state consumer class actions
- Defended juvenile products manufacturer in national and state consumer class actions
- Obtained defense jury verdict for a recreational boat manufacturer in a multi-million-dollar breach of contract/warranty action involving a large yacht
- Obtained summary judgment for a recreational boat manufacturer in a multi-million-dollar commercial dispute relating to the alleged breach of dealership agreements
- Obtained involuntary dismissals for several ski boat manufacturers in a nationwide putative class action lawsuit seeking to preclude them from selling boats without certain design features and warning labels
- Obtained summary judgment for a recreational boat manufacturer in a wrongful death action arising out of a boating fatality that occurred on a 14-mile inland Mexican river based on an unconventional application of the federal Death on the High Seas Act. Successfully opposed Plaintiff's appeal of the trial court's ruling before the California Court of Appeal, which found in its published opinion that this body of water constituted the "high seas" under the Act
- Represented an individual limited partner in a multi-million-dollar fraud and breach of contract action

Safety and Compliance Counseling

- Developed, implemented and managed a national counsel product safety program for a global manufacturer of fall protection equipment

- Developed and implemented a national counsel litigation program for a foreign automotive manufacturer for all consumer warranty cases filed against it in the United States
- Developed a national warranty and product return program for a major clothing manufacturer and its independent retailer network

Mediation & Arbitration Practice

- Presided over numerous mandatory attorney's fee arbitrations filed with the Orange County Bar Association
- Presided over numerous civil cases as a settlement officer or private mediator

Education

- Boston College Law School (J.D., *cum laude*)
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (M.S., Urban and Environmental Affairs)
- Boston University (B.A., Economics, *magna cum laude*)

Professional Memberships & Activities

- Certified Admiralty & Maritime Law Specialist, State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization (June 2013-June 2024)
 - Commissioner, State Bar Admiralty and Maritime Law Advisory Commission (2014-2019)
 - Former Chair, State Bar Admiralty and Maritime Law Advisory Commission
- Maritime Law Association, Associate
 - Marine Insurance and General Average Committee
 - Marine Torts and Casualties Committee
- Federal Bar Association
- Orange County Bar Association
 - Mandatory Fee Arbitration Committee Member and Arbitrator
 - Business Litigation Section
 - Tort and Trial Practice Section, Former Chair
- American Boat and Yacht Council
 - Recipient, 2008 ABYC Writer's Award
 - Certified ABYC Marine Technician in Standards
- National Marine Manufacturers Association
 - Boating Industry Risk Management Council (2013-2023)
- American Society of Safety Engineers
 - American National Standards Institute (ANSI), Member of ANSI A10.32 - 2012 Subcommittee
 - Certified OSHA Fall Prevention & Protection Competent Person Training (2011)

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "Legal 101: Primer on Daubert Challenges," Presenter, 2018 ABYC Marine Law Symposium, Charleston, SC (April 10, 2018)

- "The Anatomy of a Boating Accident: Case Study of Sailboat Capsizing," Presenter, 2018 ABYC Marine Law Symposium, Charleston, SC (April 10, 2018)
- "The Anatomy of a Maritime Product Liability Case," Co-presenter, The Admiralty Law Symposium, presented by the Federal Bar Association Admiralty Law Section and the American Bar Association TIPS Admiralty and Maritime Law Committee, San Diego, CA (February 8, 2016)
- "Fair Warning: Strategies for Complying With California's Proposition 65," Co-presenter, International Boatbuilders Exhibition & Conference (September 15, 2015)
- "Navigating Unfamiliar Waters: An Overview of Maritime Tort Law," Presenter, Knox Marine Yacht Claims Conference (February 12, 2015)
- "Consumer Warranty Litigation: Steps to Minimize Exposure," Presenter, United Marine Manufacturers Association (December 13, 2014)

Professional Recognition & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2016-2024), Admiralty and Maritime Law (2023)
 - Lawyer of the Year, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2023)
- Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Services, State Bar of California
- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell®

Community Involvement

- American Cancer Society, Regional Council Member, Orange County Region
 - Corporate Development Advisory Council, Former Chair
 - Orange County Barron's League, Original and Sustaining Member

Previous Professional Experience

- Cummins & White, Newport Beach, CA (1987-1989)
- Demler, Armstrong & Rowland, Long Beach, CA (1985-1987)

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of California
- United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court, All Districts of California
- United States District Court, District of Arizona