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Charles (Chuck) Cox is the leader of the Los Angeles Litigation Team and a partner in the Securities Litigation Group. He concentrates his practice on complex business disputes, including securities class actions, derivative litigation, fiduciary duty and other cases resulting from mergers and acquisitions, corporate control disputes, and commercial litigation. Chuck has tried more than a dozen cases to a verdict or arbitration award.

Chuck represents clients across many industries, as well as financial institutions and professional services firms. He has represented clients across the country in federal and state court proceedings, arbitration, and courts of appeal. In September 2021, Chuck was recognized as a legal visionary by the *Los Angeles Times* in its selection of professionals having “demonstrated noteworthy success and accomplishments” in the legal field. This recognition is the latest earned by Chuck, who was named one of the “[Top Litigators and Trial Lawyers in Los Angeles](#)” by the *Los Angeles Business Journal* in 2019.

Chuck previously served as a member of the National Council of the Federal Bar Association and on the boards of the Disability Rights Legal Center, Strength in Support and the St. Paul the Apostle School Foundation. Before earning his law degree, Chuck served as a submarine officer in the Pacific.

Representative Experience

Securities Class Action Litigation

- Representing FirstCash Holdings in securities class action litigation brought under Section 10b of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. *Genesee County Employees' Retirement System v. FirstCash Holdings Inc.*
- Represented HF Foods Group in securities class action litigation brought under Section 10b of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. *Mendoza v. HF Foods Group, Inc.*
- Represented Dell in securities class action litigation brought under Section 10b of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. *City of Pontiac General Employees' Retirement System v. Dell Inc.*
- Represented The Cooper Companies in securities class action litigation brought under Section 10b of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. *In re Cooper Companies Inc. Securities Litigation.*
- Represented Oclaro in securities class action litigation brought under Section 10b of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. *Westley v. Oclaro.*
- Represented SITO Mobile in securities class action litigation brought under Section 11 of the Securities Act of 1933. *Roper v. SITO Mobile Ltd.*

- Represented Xoom in securities class action litigation brought under Section 11 of the Securities Act of 1933. *Barrett v. Xoom Corp.*
- Represented Arthur Andersen LLP in securities class action litigation relating to its audit work for Enron Corporation. *In re Enron Securities Litigation.*
- Represented Ernst & Young LLP in securities class action litigation relating to its audit work for The Williams Companies. *In re Williams Securities Litigation.*

Derivative Litigation

- Represented Aflac and certain of its current and former officers and directors in stockholder derivative litigation related to the company's purported business practices. *Conroy v. Amos.*
- Represented American Life & Accident Insurance Company of Kentucky and Hardscuffle Inc. in stockholder derivative litigation. *Middleton v. Lampton.*
- Represented The Cooper Companies in stockholder derivative litigation. *In re Cooper Companies Inc. Derivative Litigation.*
- Represented Ebix in stockholder derivative litigation relating to an executive compensation agreement. *In re Ebix Inc. Stockholder Litigation.*
- Represented Health Net and its directors in multiple stockholder derivative actions relating to its underwriting practices.
- Represented Houlihan Lokey Capital in stockholder derivative litigation alleging aiding and abetting claims related to certain actions by Patriot National Inc. *Wasik v. Mariano.*
- Represented Oclaro and its directors in stockholder derivative litigation. *In re Oclaro Inc. Derivative Litigation.*
- Represented a former director of ANSA in derivative and related litigation brought by the company related to the operation of the Los Angeles Auto Show. *ANSA Productions Inc. v. Fuzesi.*
- Represented the former chairman of MRV in stockholder derivative litigation related to stock options backdating. *In re MRV Communications Inc. Derivative Litigation.*

Mergers and Acquisition Litigation

- Member of the trial team that represented Dell in the landmark appraisal proceeding resulting from its acquisition by Michael Dell and affiliates of Silver Lake Partners. *In re Appraisal of Dell Inc.*
- Representing Michael Dell in connection with stockholder litigation relating to Dell's negotiated redemption of its Class V common stock. *In re Dell Technologies, Inc. Class V Stockholders Litigation.*
- Represented AmTrust in derivative litigation relating to its acquisition of certain assets of the Tower Group International Ltd. *AmTrust Financial Services Inc.*
- Represented Arbor Pharmaceuticals in stockholder litigation related to its acquisition of Xenoport. *In re Xenoport Inc. Shareholder Litigation.*
- Represented California Pizza Kitchen and its directors in stockholder litigation relating to its acquisition by affiliates of Golden Gate Capital. *In re California Pizza Kitchen Inc. Shareholder Litigation.*
- Represented DIRECTV and its directors as California counsel in stockholder litigation relating to its acquisition by affiliates of AT&T. *Silvestri v. DIRECTV Inc.*

- Represented Guitar Center and its directors in stockholder litigation relating to its acquisition by affiliates of Bain Capital. *In re Guitar Center Inc. Shareholder Litigation*.
- Represented Harrah's Entertainment and several of its executives in stockholder litigation relating to its acquisition by affiliates of Texas Pacific Group and Apollo Global Management. *In re Harrah's Entertainment Shareholder Litigation*.
- Represented Harrah's Entertainment and affiliated entities and individuals in stockholder litigation relating to the acquisition of JCC Holding Company by an affiliate of Harrah's. *In re JCC Holding Co. Inc. Shareholders Litigation*.
- Represented infoGROUP's founder in stockholder litigation relating to the company's acquisition by affiliates of CCMP Capital Advisors. *New Jersey Carpenters Pension Fund v. infoGROUP Inc.*
- Represented Interpore in stockholder litigation relating to its acquisition by Biomet. *Abrams v. Interpore International Inc.*
- Represented Keystone Automotive and its directors in litigation relating to its acquisition by LKQ Corporation. *In re The Keystone Automotive Industries Shareholder Litigation*.
- Represented Moelis & Co. in stockholder litigation relating to the acquisition of Epicor by affiliates of Apax Partners. *In re Epicor Software Corporation Shareholder Litigation*.
- Represented Saatchi Online and certain directors in stockholder litigation resulting from the sale of Saatchi Online to Demand Media. *Saatchi v. Moriarity*.
- Represented the former directors of Sterling Chemicals in stockholder litigation relating to Sterling's acquisition by Eastman Chemical. *Virtus Capital L.P. v. Eastman Chemical Company Inc.*
- Representing The Wendy's Company and certain board members in stockholder derivative litigation related to a third-party cybersecurity attack on the company. *Graham v. Peltz*.

Corporate Control and Corporate Governance Litigation

- Member of the trial team that represented Harrah's in its trial concerning stockholder nomination rights. *Harrah's Entertainment Inc. v. JCC Holding Co.*
- Represented Aaron's in an action against a potential hostile acquirer for alleged violations of the federal securities laws. *Aaron's Inc. v. Vintage Capital Management LLC*.
- Represented Aaron's in a corporate governance dispute brought against the company by a stockholder during a hostile takeover attempt. *Norfolk County Retirement System v. Aaron's*.
- Represented The First Bancshares Inc. and its directors in fiduciary litigation related to the company's issuance of common stock to facilitate the conversion of certain preferred securities. *Raul v. Mitchell*.
- Represented HOB Entertainment and certain of its officers in securities litigation brought by the company's founder and former chairman. *Tigrett v. HOB Entertainment Inc.*
- Represented the CEO of Medversant Technologies in litigation related to the operation and control of the company. *Doumani v. Haddad*.
- Defended Next Level Communications against a hostile takeover by its controlling shareholder. *In re Next Level Communications Inc. Shareholders Litigation*.
- Represented former officers of People's Choice Home Loan in arbitration and related bankruptcy litigation brought by the liquidating trustee of a subprime lender. *In re People's Choice Home Loan Inc.*

- Represented RCM Technologies in an action to enjoin alleged violations of the federal securities laws during a proxy contest. *RCM Technologies Inc. v. Legion Partners Asset Management LLC*.
- Represented a financial services company in various litigations involving purported dead hand proxy puts in certain credit agreements.
- Represented a private equity fund in an arbitration involving the interpretation of a post-sale provision.
- Represented a public company in an arbitration involving corporate governance and related contract issues.
- Represented a client in an arbitration involving the termination of a business relationship.
- Represented a client in an arbitration involving a partnership dispute and related issues.

Publications & Presentations

Publications

- “Emulex Will Likely Dictate Venue For Merger Shareholder Suits,” *Law360*, February 20, 2019.
- *Securities Litigation: Forms & Analysis*, Thomson Reuters, 2016–2018.
- “Biotech on the Front Lines of Fee-Shifting Debate,” *Daily Journal*, August 27, 2014.

Presentations

- “Delaware Litigation Developments,” PLI’s Mergers & Acquisitions 2022: Advanced Trends and Developments, New York, NY, January 20-21, 2022.
- “Delaware Litigation Developments,” PLI’s Mergers & Acquisitions 2021: Advanced Trends and Developments, January 21-22, 2021.
- “Delaware Litigation Developments Part 1,” PLI’s Mergers & Acquisitions 2020: Advanced Trends and Developments, New York, NY, January 9-10, 2020.

Education

- University of Michigan (J.D., 1992)
- Georgetown University (M.A., 1985)
- U.S. Naval Academy (B.S., 1984)

Admitted to Practice

- California