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Rodrigo Salas concentrates his practice on complex litigation matters with a focus on products liability claims and toxic torts. Rodrigo has litigated all aspects of personal injury, premises liability, product liability, and professional liability matters. He has also represented clients in class actions and commercial cases involving breach of contract and unfair business practice claims. In addition, Rodrigo routinely counsels clients in commercial disputes and regulatory compliance.

Rodrigo is a former chair of the firm's Silicon Valley Pro Bono Committee and member of the firm's San Francisco Diversity Committee. He served on DuPont's Minority Counsel Network's Executive Leadership Board 2012–2013.

Rodrigo was born and raised in Santiago, Chile, and is fluent in Spanish.

Representative Experience

- Representing clients in all stages of litigation in state and federal appellate courts, focusing on product and premises liability.
- Represented an industry-leading automobile manufacturer in a large-scale automotive products liability and consumer class action MDL and state court consolidated proceedings involving more than 200 nationwide class actions.
- Obtained a no-payment dismissal of a Fortune 500 company in a product liability/construction defect action where the plaintiffs sought more than \$7 million in damages.
- Obtained summary judgment for an international concert promoter in a personal injury action alleging severe brain injury where the plaintiff sought more than \$6 million in damages.
- Counsel to a manufacturing client in numerous personal injury and wrongful death actions arising out of claimed exposure to herbicides, pesticides, solvents, and numerous other chemical products.
- Counsel to a manufacturing client in several complex product actions involving allegedly defective building materials.

Publications & Presentations

Publications

- "Diversity & Inclusion," in *Successful Partnering Between Inside and Outside Counsel*, Thomson Reuters and Association of Corporate Counsel, April 2020.

Professional & Community Engagement

- National Hispanic Bar Association

Education

- University of the Pacific (J.D., 1997)
- University of California, San Diego (B.S., 1993)

Languages

- Spanish

Admitted to Practice

- California

Related Services

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