

TEN YEARS STRONG

RECENT LITIGATION
HIGHLIGHTS

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Larson attorneys continued to serve as dedicated advocates for our clients in 2025

In a year marked by a rapidly shifting economic, regulatory, and geopolitical landscape, we remain mindful of our role as trusted advisors, looking ahead to the challenges our clients may face and providing steady support and solutions in moments of uncertainty.

We approach the issues confronting our clients as strategic partners in their success – understanding that a victory in the courtroom carries broader business, reputational, and operational impacts. In 2025, our work spanned matters from high-stakes appeals and securities class actions to litigation aimed at helping families rebuild after losing their homes in California's wildfires.

Our culture of mentorship and collaboration continues to be a foundation of our growth; in 2025, we welcomed nine new attorneys and celebrated the promotion of two new partners and one counsel.

As we reflect on our firm's first 10 years, we're grateful for the exceptional colleagues, clients, fellow professionals, and friends who have placed their trust in us and supported our work. We look forward to what 2026 brings.

STEPHEN LARSON
Founding Partner

RECENT WINS

\$250 Million Settlement Approved in Securities Class Action



Electric vehicle manufacturer Rivian Automotive agreed to settle a **federal securities class action brought by investors**. Represented by Larson as co-counsel with Kessler Topaz, shareholders alleged that Rivian overstated its long-term profitability ahead of its 2021 initial public offering by underpricing electric truck and SUV models. After three years of litigation and independent negotiations, a federal judge **approved a \$250 million settlement** in December 2025. *Charles Larry Crews Jr. v. Rivian Automotive Inc. et al.* (C.D. Cal.)

Appellate Court Affirms Win for Law Firm Client

In May 2025, a California Court of Appeal panel upheld a trial ruling in favor of Larson client **Bird Marella**, a well-respected trial boutique. The case arose from a 2019 lawsuit filed by Bird Marella's former client Frontline Medical Associates, alleging failure to clarify potential conflicts of interest. The trial court found extensive misconduct by Frontline Medical and its attorneys, **dismissed the case, and awarded more than \$250,000 in costs** to Bird Marella. The appellate court upheld that decision, bringing the dispute to a close. *Frontline Medical Associates Inc. v. Bird Marella et al.* (Cal. Ct. App., 2d Dist., Div. 1)

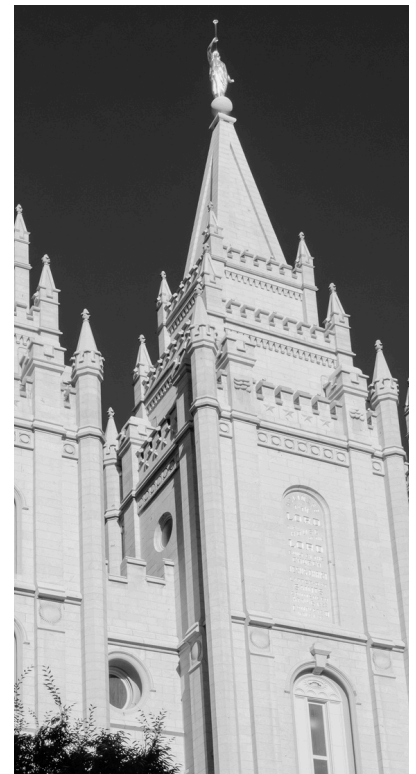
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Trade Secret Lawsuit Dismissed

A federal court **dismissed a trade secret lawsuit** against Larson client **Cleanline Management**. The case was brought by competing cannabis manufacturer Greenmount, which sought to block distribution of a product line developed by a former employee. Greenmount alleged misappropriation of trade secrets, interference with contractual relations, trade libel, and unfair competition. In 2024, the court found that Greenmount had not shown ownership of any trade secrets, and has now dismissed all claims with prejudice, **bringing the case to a complete close**. *Greenmount LLC v. Cleanline Management LLC* (C.D. Cal.)

Ninth Circuit Panel Rules Unanimously for LDS Church

In a decisive victory for Larson’s client, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit **ruled unanimously** in favor of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, **dismissing a fraud lawsuit** brought by a former member over the use of tithed contributions. The plaintiff sought to recover \$5 million in tithing contributions, alleging that the Church improperly used those funds for commercial projects in downtown Salt Lake City. The Church demonstrated that the project was funded with earnings generated from invested funds – not the donations themselves. In her en banc opinion, Judge Michelle T. Friedland rejected the plaintiff’s claims, writing, **“No reasonable juror could conclude that the Church misrepresented the source of funds for the City Creek project.”** *James Huntsman v. Corporation of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints* (9th Cir.) (en banc)



CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

Larson Files Antitrust Lawsuits Against California Insurers

Larson, alongside co-counsel Shernoff Bidart Echeverria LLP, filed two complaints in Los Angeles County against major California insurance carriers on behalf of **property owners impacted by the 2025 wildfires** that devastated Pacific Palisades, Malibu, and Altadena. The lawsuits allege antitrust violations through a conspiracy limiting property policies in the affected areas and forcing homeowners to accept the state's insurance plan of last resort, the California FAIR Plan, as their only option for coverage. These property owners now find themselves **burdened with expensive policies providing far less coverage than they need**, resulting in a gap between their actual property losses and the limits of their FAIR Plan policies that amounts to millions of dollars.



Suing Insurance Companies for Systemic Underinsurance

Larson, along with co-counsel Shernoff Bidart Scheverria LLP, also filed complaints in Los Angeles County against California insurers on behalf of families who lost their homes in last year's wildfires, alleging a **scheme to systematically underinsure properties** in a bid to sell more policies and increase market share. The lawsuits claim that by using inaccurate or overly general data about a policy holder's home, insurers pushed the estimated cost of rebuilding down in order to offer more attractively-priced policies and **reduce their own liability**. As a result, many homeowners – who rely on their insurers to accurately assess rebuilding costs – found themselves with policies that cover far less that is needed to recover.

2025 ELEVATIONS

Georgina Wakefield

Elevated to Partner

Georgina Wakefield joined Larson after serving as the Trial Unit Chief at the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Central District of California, where she worked for twelve years after clerking for Presiding Justice Norman L. Epstein of the California Court of Appeal. She is highly experienced in handling a variety of fraud cases as well as public corruption and bribery offenses, violations of import and export laws, and other regulatory offenses.



Amelia L. B. Sargent

Elevated to Partner

Amelia Sargent has more than thirteen years of experience litigating a diverse array of complex commercial disputes, including trade secret misappropriation and employee mobility actions, breach of contract, mass torts, copyright infringement, and cultural property disputes.

Andrew S. Bledsoe

Elevated to Counsel

Andrew Bledsoe joined Larson in 2023. He represents clients in a range of technical industries, including telecommunications, electronics, and pharmaceuticals. He has experience litigating in U.S. District Courts across the country and the Federal Circuit.



2025 HIRES

We were pleased to welcome nine attorneys to our team in 2025



Ashley Amell

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Pepperdine Caruso
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Matthew M. Beckwith

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Alexis Calin

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AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Chambers and Partners USA



- Band 1 Ranking, White Collar Defense and Government Investigations in CA

- Two partners recognized as outstanding practitioners

Benchmark Litigation

- Litigation Stars and Future Stars
- Top 250 Women in Litigation
- 40 & Under List
- Top 250 Women in Litigation

Daily Journal

- Top 100 Lawyers
- Top Women Lawyers
- Top White Collar Lawyers
- Leading Commercial Litigators
- Top 40 Under 40

Los Angeles Business Journal

- Most Admired Law Firms to Work For
- LA's Fastest Growing Law Firms
- Leaders of Influence: Litigators and Trial Attorneys

Best Law Firms®

- Metropolitan Tier 1 ranking for Commercial Litigation and White Collar Defense

Best Lawyers®

- The Best Lawyers in America
- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch

The National Black Lawyers

- Top 40 Under 40

American College of Trial Lawyers

- Two partners recognized as fellows

American Board of Criminal Lawyers

- Partner inducted as a fellow



TESTIMONIALS

"Larson LLP is unique in its ability to put together a small, efficient team to take a case from concept to strategy and then to negotiation or the courtroom. Their attorneys' expertise is deep and thorough, their commitment is strong and obvious, and they work their tail off to get good results for their clients." – ***Client***

"The firm has truly outstanding lawyers, who have the experience of handling extremely complex and sensitive matters and who have a substantial breadth of knowledge, experience, and diversity." – ***Chambers and Partners***

"They are the cream of the crop. Whatever hour of the day, they will be available to pick up the phone." – ***Chambers and Partners***

"Larson is a go-to boutique for anyone in need of white-collar crime representation." – ***Chambers and Partners***

"Stephen is a superstar. He is exceptional at trial and knows how to win brilliant results." – ***Chambers and Partners***

"The team sets expectations. The depth of their research and analysis is world class. Above all else, they achieve results. They care. They understand. They take action." – ***Benchmark Litigation***

LARSON

Larson is an elite litigation firm committed to achieving success in any courtroom. A fierce advocate for our clients and a formidable adversary for opposing counsel, we focus exclusively on winning high-stakes cases. We are a litigation boutique that does more than litigate. We take cases to court – and win.

Our trial and appellate records include some of the most recognized legal victories of the last decade. Our attorneys know their way around the courtroom, having tried and won cases in federal and state courts and before arbitration tribunals around the world.

We are built to win the most important cases.



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