

Appellate Litigation

Cases don't always end at trial. In some cases, our clients need the appellate courts to take a second look at the trial court's decision; in other cases, our clients have obtained trial court victories that are on appeal. In either event, appellate practice requires a particular skill set focused on sophisticated legal analysis to identify and argue the limited issues on which any appeal tends to turn.

Our attorneys have decades of experience in federal and state appellate courts nationwide, in both criminal and civil cases.

Larson attorneys have participated in dozens of appellate matters, including the preparation and filing of several emergency writ petitions to the California Court of Appeal. Many of the firm's attorneys have also clerked and externed for federal court judges, including judges sitting on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth and Sixth Circuits.

Larson's appellate experience encompasses matters across the legal spectrum, from [constitutional law to antitrust](#), [white collar criminal](#) matters to [regulatory](#) disputes, and [labor and employment](#) matters to consumer [class actions](#). We have prepared writ petitions for Fortune 100 corporations and other clients seeking immediate relief under difficult and time-sensitive circumstances. Our attorneys have also drafted amicus briefs for both the U.S. Supreme Court and California Supreme Court in matters as diverse as a dispute involving the reach of federal power over a state legislature, the navigability of Montana's rivers, and the ability of a County to charge a "transfer tax." Our briefs have also been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Related Practice Areas

- [Complex Civil Litigation](#)
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- White Collar Defense and Government Investigations

Representative Matters

- Secured [the reversal and remand](#) of a \$15.5 million judgment by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in *SEC v. Yang et al.*, an SEC enforcement action that began over an alleged EB-5 scam.
- Filed a writ of mandate petition on behalf of tax agent Ramin Salari which [was granted by the California State of Appeal](#), directing the Superior Court to enter new and different orders dismissing Mr. Salari's criminal charges in a high-profile corruption case.
- Successfully argued against the defendants' two attempts to delay trial, which [the California Court of Appeal for the Fourth District and the California Supreme Court denied](#), in *Freeman v. Board of Trustees of the California State University et al.*
- Secured [the reversal and remand](#) of a summary judgment order by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in a multimillion-dollar dispute regarding a contract to provide services to NASA, now pending in district court.
- Achieved the reversal of a terminating order in a high-profile wrongful death action.
- Convinced the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit to reverse a district court's order and compel prosecutors to return or destroy evidence.
- Successfully appealed an order denying a client's anti-SLAPP motion to strike and demurrer.
- Obtained an order affirming the trial court's decision to grant a preliminary injunction in our favor.

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