Rick Richmond

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Rick Richmond is an acclaimed trial lawyer who has led litigation teams in hundreds of cases, tried scores of cases to verdict, and argued two dozen appeals.

Recognized for his litigation and trial prowess by *The American Lawyer*, *The National Law Journal, The Legal 500*, *Daily Journal*, *Law360*, and *Los Angeles Business Journal,* and a two-time winner of the California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Award by the *Daily Journal*, Rick is esteemed by colleagues and critics alike. While he is widely recognized for his trial victories, Rick is known in the legal community for being a "fixer," taking on the most difficult cases that other lawyers have been unable to resolve.

For nearly 40 years, Rick has been fighting for his clients—prosecuting and defending crucial, cutting-edge disputes in federal and state courts, federal and local administrative proceedings, and private arbitrations.

Rick has fought for his clients in a wide range of civil matters, often involving breach of contract, fraud, complex partnership and other business relationships, and class actions. On the criminal side, Rick has defended clients against misdemeanor and felony charges, including successful representation of a client in a first-degree murder trial.

In addition to a host of complex commercial, class action, and government-related cases, Rick has represented clients in trade secrets and other high-stakes intellectual property matters, including misappropriation of trade secrets and other forms of infringement. Among his many trial victories, Rick won a $940 million verdict—one of the largest trade secret verdicts in U.S. history—in *Epic Systems Corp. v. Tata Consultancy Services*.

Prior to joining Larson, Rick was a partner for 12 years at Jenner & Block, where he founded the Los Angeles office and served as its managing partner. Before that, he was an associate and partner for two decades at a top five *Am Law* firm. He began his career as a Seventh Circuit law clerk and then as an appellate lawyer in the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Division. Rick dedicates part of his practice to pro bono work and has represented clients ranging from nonprofit organizations to defendants on trial for murder. He is also an active member of several legal and local organizations, including the Association of Business Trial Lawyers, the J. Reuben Clark Law Society, and The Chancery Club of Los Angeles.

Outside of the office, Rick enjoys hiking, backpacking, and mountaineering, and, of course, spending time with his immediate and extended family.

EDUCATION

- George Washington University, J.D., with honors
- Brigham Young University, B.S., cum laude

ADMISSIONS

- California
- Colorado
- District of Columbia (inactive)
- Illinois (inactive)
- Massachusetts (inactive)
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

Rick's Representative Matters

- Lead counsel for an international businessman and real estate mogul in one of Los Angeles' County's longest-running (20+ years) and largest civil lawsuits involving claims of $5-10 billion.
- Lead counsel for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in a fraud case brought by James Huntsman, son of church leader and successful businessman Jon Huntsman and grandson of church apostle David Haight, in which the plaintiff sought the return of his voluntary, unrestricted charitable contributions. A Ninth Circuit en banc panel ruled unanimously in favor of the Church, dismissing the lawsuit.
- As lead trial counsel in *Epic Systems Corp. v. Tata Consultancy Services*, won a $940 million jury verdict based on claims of misappropriation of trade secrets, breach of contract, fraud, and violations of state and federal law involving confidential information about the client's leading healthcare software—what is believed to be the largest verdict in Wisconsin history and one of the largest trade secret verdicts in U.S. history.
- As lead trial counsel, obtained dismissal of $1 billion qui tam and class action against electricity producer in Hawaii.
- Won a defense verdict as lead trial counsel in a two-week jury trial in California state court in a $250 million breach of partnership case.
- As lead trial counsel, defended an air cargo transporter in a three-week jury trial in California federal court against the plaintiff's $200 million fraud and breach of contract claims.
- Won a defense judgment as lead trial counsel for a Netherlands-based international legal publisher in a two-week bench trial in California federal court involving allegations of $40 million trademark infringement and breach of contract claims.
- Defended Dietrich Canterberry pro bono as lead trial counsel in a widely publicized murder case in which the prosecution sought a first-degree murder conviction with 24 years to life, but the jury returned a verdict of involuntary manslaughter and the judge imposed a four-year sentence.
- Successfully represented three California nonprofit housing groups pro bono in a dispute over a $331 million special fund, negotiated by then-Attorney General Kamala Harris, that was intended to help financially distressed homeowners but was ultimately diverted by the governor to address a general budget shortfall.

Rick's Associations

- Association of Business Trial Lawyers, *Member, former Board of Governors Member*
- Criminal Justice Legal Foundation, *Chair* and *Trustee*
- The Los Angeles Chapter of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society, *Member and former Chair*
- The Chancery Club of Los Angeles, *Member*
- Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, f*ormer Director*
- The California Club, f*ormer Secretary* and *Director*
- George Washington University Law School, f*ormer Board of Advisors Member*
- George Washington Law Alumni Association Executive Committee, f*ormer President*

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- U.S.D.C Central District of California
- U.S.D.C Eastern District of California
- U.S.D.C Northern District of California
- U.S.D.C Southern District of California
- U.S.D.C District of Columbia
- U.S.D.C. District of Arizona
- U.S.D.C. District of Colorado
- U.S.D.C. Northern District of Indiana
- U.S.D.C. Western District of Wisconsin

CLERKSHIPS

- Hon. Harlington Wood Jr. U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

PRACTICE AREAS

- Appellate Litigation
- Complex Civil Litigation
- Civil Rights Litigation
- Class Action
- Commercial Litigation
- Environmental, Natural Resource, and Basic Materials Litigation
- Intellectual Property and Patent Litigation
- Partnership Disputes and Securities Litigation
- Trusts, Probate, and

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- Howard W. Hunter Foundation, *Chair*

Rick's Awards & Recognitions

- The Legal 500, Intellectual Property – Trade Secrets, 2017-2021
- The Legal 500, General Commercial Disputes, 2020
- Daily Journal, Top Verdicts, 2022
- Daily Journal, California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Award, 2017 and 2019
- Daily Journal, Top 100 Lawyers in California, 2015-2017
- Daily Journal, Top IP Lawyers, 2017
- Daily Journal, Top Verdicts, 2020
- Law 360, Legal Lion, 2019
- Law 360, Technology MVPs, 2016
- The National Law Journal, Intellectual Property Trailblazers, 2017
- The National Law Journal, Winning Litigator, 2017
- The American Lawyer, Litigator of the Week, 2016
- Los Angeles Business Journal, Top Litigators & Trial Lawyers, 2019
- Los Angeles Business Journal, Leaders in Law: Intellectual Property Attorneys, 2018
- BTI Consulting, Client Service All-Star, 2017-2018
- Verdict Search, Top 100 Verdicts of 2016 (#5), 2016
- Commercial Litigation, The Best Lawyers in America®, 2023-2027
- Daily Journal, Leading Commercial Litigators, 2024
- Benchmark Litigation, Litigation Star, 2023-2026

Estate Litigation

- Internal Investigations and Compliance
- White Collar Defense and Government Investigations
- Congressional Investigations