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Practice Areas:

Construction Litigation; Business Litigation; Real Estate Litigation; Insurance Litigation

Education:

University of California at Los Angeles School of Law (J.D.), LA, CA, 2004

University of California at Los Angeles (B.A., English, magna cum laude), LA, CA, 2001 Victor F. Luke is a partner at the firm focusing primarily on the litigation of construction, business transaction, real estate, and insurance disputes. Mr. Luke has successfully resolved dozens of disputes in his clients' favor, from pre-litigation settlements to arbitrations, trials, and appeals. Mr. Luke has prevailed in a jury trial, a bench trial and an arbitration within the past year alone, positively recovering a total of tens of millions of dollars for his clients while successfully defending against tens of millions of dollars of claims. Mr. Luke has also recently settled multiple matters prior to trial, securing large recoveries for his clients and mitigating their risks.

Before becoming an attorney, Mr. Luke worked in the manufacturing sector and developed years of experience in the maintenance, repair, operation and management of high-speed production equipment. Decades of focus and effort in both the manufacturing and legal fields have brought him the opportunities to fix problems, especially technically demanding problems, at every stage in the most efficient manner that circumstances allow.

Mr. Luke graduated from U.C.L.A. Law School in 2004 and has been with the firm his entire legal career. Along with the California State Bar and Nevada State Bar he is a member of the American Bar Association. He has authored numerous chapters and treatise materials on the subjects of project owner liability, contractor liability and the False Claims Act.





Representative Matters:

- 1) Prevailed in a three-week jury trial in January/February, 2016. Complete defense victory for a window manufacturer who supplied \$4 million of windows and doors to a project in Moscow, Russia. The plaintiff claimed the windows breached the contract and otherwise failed to comply with standards for thermal insulation performance, alleging approximately \$24 million damages due to delays, property damage, etc. Our client also countersued and prevailed in its claim for a \$1.2 million unpaid contract balance.
- 2) Prevailed in three-week arbitration in December, 2015. Complete defense victory for a cofounder of a technological startup company regarding the co-founder's rights to retain stock under a stock purchase agreement. The claimant had alleged it was justified in cancelling and seizing the co-founder's stock and was also due \$2 million in damages for misappropriation of trade secrets. Our client counterclaimed, seeking a return of all the cancelled stock as well as approximately \$3 million in attorneys' fees and costs, all of which were awarded.
- 3) Prevailed in two-week bench trial in September, 2015. Complete defense victory for an inventor who had sold a patent to the plaintiff. The plaintiff company had alleged that our client had breached certain fiduciary duties and clouded the title to the patent, resulting in \$7.9 million in damages. Our client also prevailed on a small counterclaim against the plaintiff.

Professional Memberships and Associations:

State Bar of California State Bar of Nevada American Bar Association

Bar Admissions:

California Bar No. 235270, 2004 Nevada Bar No. 13714, 2015

Publications:

Victor F. Luke, California Construction Law Manual—Lawyers Edition, Chapter 22 - California False Claims Act (BNi Publications, Inc. 2011).

Victor F. Luke, California Construction Law – 2007 Edition, Chapter 13 - Contractor Claims (HLK Global Communications, Inc. 2007).

Victor F. Luke, California Construction Law – 2007 Edition, Chapter 17 - Preparing and Defending Claims (HLK Global Communications, Inc. 2007).