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Jeff provides representation and legal counsel to clients in all matters pertaining to labor and employment law. A seasoned litigator, Jeff has extensive deposition and discovery experience and has successfully represented clients both in trial and appeal. In *Mansell v. Otto* (2003) 108 Cal.App.4th 265, Jeff's client prevailed against claims of invasion in privacy in relation to the proper way to obtain medical records. Jeff successfully argued the appeal of a peace officer termination case before the California Appellate Court in *Lopez v. Imperial County Sheriff's Office* (2008) 165 Cal.App.4th 1, establishing the significance of a tie vote before a Personnel Board. He has represented multiple defendants in jury trials and has arbitration and mediation experience.

Before joining Liebert Cassidy Whitmore's Los Angeles office, Jeff represented employers in wrongful termination and other employment claims. Additionally, he represented professionals against liability, malpractice and disciplinary claims, where he was responsible for case management from discovery through trial and settlement.

Education

JD, Loyola Marymount University School of Law
BA, University of Southern California

Legal Expertise

Employment Law
Litigation Services
Public Safety
Retirement

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Representative Matters

Appellate:

Lopez v. Imperial County Sheriff's Office (2008) - Two correctional officers appealed a Personnel Board ruling upholding their terminations based upon a tie vote by the Board. The correctional officers argued that their terminations should be overturned on a tie vote. The Appellate Court rejected that position affirming the trial court's ruling that the terminations were not to be overturned but the officers were to receive a new hearing.

Litigation:

Los Angeles Unified School District v. Los Angeles Unified School District Personnel Commission (2011) - The firm represented Petitioner LAUSD seeking a writ of mandate to overturn the reinstatement of an attorney named by the LAUSD Personnel Commission. LAUSD asserted that the Commission's order reinstating the lawyer to her position with LAUSD was an abuse of discretion given her admitted and repeated breaches of professional conduct. The Court found that reasonable minds could not differ that the lawyer had been warned, admonished, supervised and given opportunities for improvement in the very areas in which she failed to perform. Reinstatement, given the lawyer's history of non-performance and her continued failure to acknowledge any need to change or improve, would have exposed the public to the risk of injury and the school district to the risk of incurring liability.

Moon v. City of Downey (2010) - Summary judgment obtained in this sexual orientation discrimination, harassment and retaliation FEHA case.

Silberman v. Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (2009) - In an age and religious discrimination case, judgment was entered in favor of the employer disposing of all of Plaintiff's claims resulting from a prior reorganization leading to layoffs.

Booth v. City of Pomona (2007) - The Los Angeles Superior Court granted Anti-SLAPP motions striking the entire defamation and wrongful termination complaint brought by a City employee who had applied to be a peace officer within the City.

Presentations

Difficult Conversations - Gateway Public ERC - Lakewood - April 4, 2013

Preventing Workplace Harassment, Discrimination and Retaliation - Orange County Human Resources Consortium - Costa Mesa - November 15, 2012