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Matt Miller is an accomplished complex business litigator and trial lawyer with extensive experience in cryptocurrency and blockchain matters as well as unfair competition matters, including misappropriation of intellectual property, business interference torts, breach of employment contracts and breach of joint venture agreements. Matt regularly counsel clients on threatened or occurring employee unfair competition and intellectual property theft. His practice also includes a broad range of employment, product liability, real estate and construction litigation.

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations

EMPLOYMENT, UNFAIR COMPETITION AND COMPLEX BUSINESS DISPUTES

- Obtaining dismissal with no payment of several dozen suits against a digital currency exchange for alleged breaches of user agreements
 - Securing multiple pretrial multimillion-dollar recoveries on behalf of some of the world's largest engineering and construction corporations alleging trade secret misappropriation, employee raiding and international interference torts
 - Obtaining a multimillion-dollar settlement on behalf of a consumer electronics firm alleging trade secret misappropriation and intentional interference with contract
 - Obtaining a US\$7.5 million arbitration award for a seller of a sports nutritional supplement company following a dispute over an earnout provision of a corporate stock purchase agreement
 - Obtaining a multimillion-dollar judgment for an investor alleging a fraudulent investment scheme
 - Obtaining a multimillion-dollar settlement only weeks after filing a lawsuit alleging fraudulent operation of a hedge fund and breach of the fund's offering memorandum
 - Obtaining a dismissal and recovery of lawyer fees in a complex contractual dispute, including application of French law, on behalf of a major manufacturer of high-end audio products
 - Obtaining a multimillion-dollar judgment under RICO and fraud claims against perpetrators of an investment Ponzi scheme
 - Litigating numerous matters for both plaintiffs and defendants in lawsuits involving intentional interference torts, Business and Professions Code section 17200 claims, and breaches of non-competition and non-solicitation covenants
- Product Liability

- Obtaining a defense judgment for a manufacturing company following a two-week federal trial in which the plaintiff alleged design and manufacturing defects of fiberglass and steel chairs
- Resolving actions against manufacturers of forklifts, industrial press brakes, firearms and airplanes
Real Estate/Construction Litigation
- Obtaining a mid-trial multimillion-dollar settlement on behalf of a plaintiff alleging breach of a real estate joint venture
- Obtaining a multimillion-dollar settlement in favor of a plaintiff hotel development joint venturer almost immediately after providing defendants with the draft complaint alleging fraudulent inducement into the joint venture
- Obtaining summary judgment for a large general contractor in a construction worker's catastrophic personal injury action alleging unsafe work conditions and failure to supervise.
- Obtaining a favorable settlement on behalf of a major engineering corporation in a breach of contract claim against a quasi-governmental entity
- Obtaining a dismissal with prejudice for a framing and foundation contractor in litigation involving catastrophic personal injuries and in which all other parties settled for policy limits
- Successfully resolved various construction defect actions

Admissions

- California

Education

- J.D., Georgetown University Law Center
- B.A., University of California, Los Angeles

Memberships

- Bar Association of San Francisco
- State Bar of California

Civic and Charitable

- Chairman, Board of Directors, Pomeroy Recreation & Rehabilitation Center, San Francisco
- Member of San Francisco Mayor London Breed's Transitional Committee on Homelessness and Clean Streets

Publications

Unauthorized financial transaction fraud: Mitigating liability risks

28 January 2021

Prudent financial institutions are seeking to protect themselves against liability for third-party fraud and accountholder carelessness.

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- Author, "Drone Regulations Await Flight Plan," *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, December 14, 2015
 - Co-author, "Protecting Trade Secrets in an Era of Increased Scrutiny," *The Recorder*, July 20, 2015

- Co-author, "Hanging By a Thread: Non-Solicitation Clauses and the Trade Secret Exception," *The Daily Journal*, September 22, 2010
- Co-author, "Can You Keep a Secret?" *The Daily Journal*, August 20, 2010

Events

- Co-presenter, "My Unfair Employee: Avoiding Unfair Competition and Protecting Your Trade Secrets from Hire to Fire," Dealey Renton and Associates Insurance Brokers Seminar, February 2011

NEWS

DLA Piper achieves appellate victory for cryptocurrency exchange Coinbase in lawsuit over Bitcoin Gold

13 August 2020

DLA Piper won a significant appellate victory on behalf of global cryptocurrency exchange Coinbase, defeating a lawsuit alleging that the exchange violated various obligations to users when it refused to support or provide access to the forked cryptocurrency Bitcoin Gold.

Matthew Miller, Robert Nolan and Michael Fluhr join DLA Piper's Litigation practice in Northern California

10 February 2020

DLA Piper announced today that Matthew Miller and Robert Nolan have joined the firm's Litigation practice as partners in Northern California, based in the San Francisco office, and Michael Fluhr has joined as of counsel, also based in San Francisco.
