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**EDUCATION**

University of California, Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, J.D., 2005.

University of California, Los Angeles, B.A., 2002.

**EXPERIENCE**

**Andrew G. Watters, Esq., Redwood City, CA**

*Litigation Attorney* (July 2012 to present) (F/T)

Manage a small law firm (three attorneys, one paralegal, one legal assistant) of general civil litigation and complex family law matters. Also assist other attorneys on a contract basis in their own cases. Handle multiple trials, numerous depositions, and all manner of litigation proceedings independently, and also on an Of Counsel basis for three law firms. Attorneys served: Coddington, Hicks & Danforth, P.C., Redwood City, CA (A/V) (June 2016 to January 2017; May 2022 to present)—work on insurance defense cases; SAC Attorneys, LLP, San Jose, CA (July 2013 to May 2016)—handle all of the firm’s civil litigation, including multiple trials, and supervise two associate attorneys and support staff; Law Offices of Parviz Darabi, Burlingame, CA (March 2013 to January 2017)—work on plaintiffs’ consumer fraud and employment cases.

**WealthPLAN LLP, San Jose, CA (A/V)**

*Litigation Attorney* (January 2011 to July 2012) (F/T)

Handled general civil and estate and trust litigation matters, including creditors’ claim lawsuits, that arose from firm’s specialized estate planning and trust administration practice. Took depositions of adverse parties and witnesses. Presented probate and trust-related petitions. Investigated and developed matters for trial, including extensive review of financial and other records, coordination with expert witnesses such as accountants and appraisers, client interviews, and written discovery. In March 2011, second-chaired \$7 million two-day court trial, including trial direct and cross examination of opposing party. Supervised by Francis B. Doyle, Esq. (A/V).

**Robinson & Wood, Inc., San Jose, CA (A/V)**

*Litigation Attorney* (April 2010 to December 2010) (F/T)

Assisted in the handling of insurance defense matters (70%), plaintiffs’ personal injury/wrongful death matters (15%), and commercial litigation (15%). Took depositions of fact witnesses, including parties. Investigated and developed matters for trial. Conducted all necessary law and motion work and discovery, including Motions for Summary Adjudication. Supervised by Joseph C. Balestrieri, Esq. (A/V). Note: my time there was brief due to the firm’s downsizing/layoffs.

**O’Brien Watters & Davis LLP, Santa Rosa, CA (A/V)**

*Litigation Attorney* (February 2006 to May 2009) (F/T)

Handled general civil litigation (50%) and high-asset family law matters (50%). Worked up and tried (second chair) plaintiffs’ fraud/financial elder abuse matter from client intake in Fall 2006 to

fifteen day jury trial in April 2009. Presented three days of trial direct and re-direct examinations of two expert witnesses. For the petitioner/plaintiff, worked up an aggressively litigated \$56 million Dissolution of Marriage involving extensive financial irregularities, partnership valuation issues, a forty-three year marriage with a sixteen year separation, reverse-*Pereira* claims, stipulated distributions of multiple millions of dollars of property, and numerous motions, from client intake in February 2006 to departure from firm in May 2009. In October and November 2008, presented (first chair) five-day *Feldman* motion, conducted substantially as a trial, seeking \$933,000 in attorney fees and sanctions under Family Code sec. 271 and sec. 2107. In June 2006, tried (second chair) ten day jury trial for defendant general contractor in construction defect matter. In 2008, tried (first chair) and prevailed in court trial in dispute between firm and former client over professional fees. Assisted in dividing \$25 million in assets and resolving other issues at five day mediation. Prepared ninety-page “property narrative” from public records and aerial photography, proving community characterization by tracing property transactions and construction activities over a sixty year period (1948-2008). Took and defended thirty-two depositions; eight party or party-affiliated depositions defended. Prepared, filed, and argued all types of motions and orders to show cause. Handled all written discovery and filed or opposed all discovery motions. Interviewed, hired, and interfaced with expert witnesses. Supervised legal secretary and law clerk. Argued before First District Court of Appeal in free speech matter. Analyzed outpatient imaging center and ambulatory surgery center program model for 45-physician medical group under Federal “Stark II” regulation in 2007. Supervised by Michael G. Watters, Esq. (A/V) (2/23/2006-12/31/2008); by Joseph A. Piasta, Esq. (A/V) (1/1/2009-5/29/2009). Published case: *Bonfigli v. Strachan* (2011) 192 Cal. App. 4th 1302 (trial counsel).

### TRIAL RECORD

Case and Venue	Result	Notes
27. Zada v. El Shami, San Mateo Co., 3-day divorce trial, 2022		Decision expected December 2022.
26. Javanmard v. Asgari, Santa Clara Co., half-day domestic violence trial, 2022	☺	DVRO denied after trial.
25. Galan v. Pada, Santa Clara County, half-day domestic violence trial, 2022	☹	Unsuccessful defense of DVRO.
24. In re Marriage of Forrester, San Mateo County, 5-day divorce trial, 2021	☺	Client substantially prevailed.
23. Acosta v. Acosta, San Mateo County, 3-day domestic violence trial, 2021	☹	Unsuccessful defense of DVRO.
22. In re Marriage of Shirname, Contra Costa County, 2-day divorce trial, 2021	☹	Opposing party substantially prevailed.
21. Reyes v. Lopez, San Mateo County, 3-day domestic violence trial, 2020	☺	DVRO denied after trial.
20. Petty-Eifert v. Aviano Enterprises, Inc., San Francisco County, 3-day JAMS arbitration, 2020	☹	Real estate arbitration.
19. Wang v. Alipay, Santa Clara County, 5-day JAMS arbitration, 2019	☹	Employment arbitration over sham performance reviews.
18. In re Marriage of Sarkar, San Mateo County, 2-day trial on date of separation, 2019	☺	Date of separation was as stated by my client.
17. Kingsdale v. Chan, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, 1-day court trial, 2019	☺	80% discharged and the judgment was less than we were willing to settle for; counting as a win.

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16. In re Marriage of Diloy, San Mateo County, 2-day enforcement trial, 2019	☹	Enforcement of judgment/MSA
15. Esposito v. Esposito, Santa Clara County, 3-day domestic violence trial, 2017	☹	Unsuccessful defense of DVRO.
14. Frazer v. Chan, Contra Costa County, 5-day court trial, 2017	☹	Real estate fraud case.
13. Hoda Globe v. Cai, Santa Clara County, 5-day court trial, 2016	☹	Settled before final decision.
12. Jiang v. IvyMax, Inc., San Mateo County, 5-day jury trial, 2016	☺	Defense verdict in fraud case.
11. Fong v. Intero Realty, Santa Clara County, 3-day JAMS arbitration, 2016	☹	Real estate arbitration.
10. IvyMax v. Chan, Alameda County, 1-day court trial, 2015	☹	Former employee competed with client's business.
9. Andaya v. Cassara, Alameda County, 3-day jury trial, 2015	☺	Small jury verdict in personal injury case.
8. Buckley v. Control Line Electric, Inc., Santa Clara County, 5-day court trial, 2015	☺	\$410,000 judgment for Plaintiff, including \$200,000 in punitive damages.
7. Wang v. Wang, Santa Clara County, 3-day court trial, 2014	☺	Small judgment for Plaintiff in a fraud case.
6. Ponce v. Ponce, one-day domestic violence trial, 2014	☹	Unsuccessful defense of DVRO.
5. Pestana v. Pestana, three-day trust administration trial, 2011	☺	Removal of trustee and sanctions against him regarding \$7 million trust.
4. OWD v. Smith, Sonoma County, short-cause court trial, 2008	☺	Collections action.
3. OWD v. Toress, Sonoma County, short-cause court trial, 2008	☺	Workplace violence restraining order.
2. Bonfigli v. Strachan, Sonoma County, 10-day jury trial, 2007* Second chair.	☹	Won on re-trial following appellate reversal due to error in first trial.
1. Gonsalves v. Crabtree, Sonoma County, 5-day jury trial, 2006* Second chair.	☹	Client declined to pay for defective windows.
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### ACTIVITIES, AWARDS, AND LICENSES

Bar admissions: California (#237990, 11/22/2005); U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California (12/2005); U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California (5/2011). Member, Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA), 2013-present. Young AFCEA Coordinator, Silicon Valley Chapter, 2016-2018. Guest Lecturer, Stanford University Program in Writing and Rhetoric, 2011-2012. Member, American College of Legal Medicine, 2006-2009. Richard M. Sangster Inn of Court: Member, 2006-2009. Theta Chi International Fraternity: President, Beta Alpha Chapter at UCLA, 2001. UCLA Mock Trial: Attorney, Witness 2001-2002. National Championship participant 2002.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Total trials: twenty-four (four jury trials and twenty court trials), plus three JAMS arbitrations. Total depositions taken: one hundred (median length 150 pages). Total depositions defended: twenty-seven. Proficient in standard Windows/Mac office applications, plus image editors, desktop publishing software, Linux/Unix, HTML/CSS, and PHP/SQL (hand-coded). Part-time inventor and computer vision developer: <https://www.raellic.com>