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Richard's practice focuses on business litigation, with particular emphasis on the sports industry.



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University of Tulsa JD, With Honors, 1997

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In addition to his notable representation of professional sports teams and arenas, Richard has handled matters for clients in various industries, including automotive, commercial real estate leasing, event marketing, health care, internet application-based services (ticketing), manufacturing, market research, musical entertainment, pharmaceuticals and real estate development. Richard practices in state and federal courts (including bankruptcy courts) and has extensive experience in arbitrating disputes before various ADR providers. Over the years, Richard has served as "first chair" in hundreds of litigation matters.

Previous Work

Richard started his career as a lawyer in 1997 with the well-established, Los Angeles firm of Parker, Milliken, Clark, O'Hara & Samuelian. Richard became a partner at a Beverly Hills boutique (Whitwell Jacoby Emhoff) which later joined with another firm to form Venable's Los Angeles office in 2006. Richard joined Arent Fox in 2010.

Representative Matters

- *CD Chivas USA v. American Honda Motor Co., Inc.* (American Arbitration Association, Reference No. 72 196 Y 00767 09 JENF)
- *Cosmetic Alchemy, LLC v. Cosmetic Technologies, et al.* (United States District Court for the Central District of California, Case Number 2:10-cv-09858 GAF (VBKx)/United States Court of Appeal for the Ninth Circuit, Case No. 12-56057)
- *Davis v. Anschutz Entertainment Group, Inc., et al.* (Los Angeles Superior Court, Case Number TC020551)
- *In re Holy Hill Community Church* (United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, Case No. 2:14-bk-21070-WB and related)

adversary actions and appeals)

- *Keefe v. Bounce Event Marketing, Inc.* (Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. BC457131/Court of Appeal, Second District, Case Numbers B249586)
- *Kim v. Ji-Hoon Jeong aka "Rain", et al.* (Los Angeles Superior Court, Case Number BC409245)
- *L.A. Arena Funding, LLC v. D&N Concrete Pump* (Los Angeles Superior Court, Case Number BC369531/American Arbitration Association, Case Number 72-181-E-000903-07/Court of Appeal, Second District, Case Number B210649 (Consolidated with B212752))
- *L.A. Arena Funding, LLC v. Silktex, LLC* (Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. BC434861/Court of Appeal, Second District, Case Numbers B250777 and B264790)
- *MySpace, Inc. v. Aguilar, et al.* (United States District Court for the Central District of California, Case Number 05-2424 DT (SHx))
- *Ockerman v. Olympic and Georgia Partners, LLC* (United States District Court for the Central District of California, Case No. CV11-9422-SS)

Publications, Presentations & Recognitions

In 2014, Richard authored a piece entitled "College athletes are no more employees than grandmothers are bicycles" concerning efforts to classify college athletes as employees for purposes of compensation. This article appears at *USA Today Sports'* website The Fields of Green (www.fieldsofgreen.com) where Richard is a Featured Columnist.

In 2010, Richard wrote "Decision: Sporting Event Ticket Holders Lack Standing to Sue Based on Alleged Cheating by Coach, Team." *Entertainment & Sports Lawyer*, Volume 28, Number 2, Summer 2010.

While attending law school, Richard was a notes and comments editor for the *Tulsa Law Journal*. Richard wrote *Making a Case for Statutory Amendment to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"): Solving the Section 107/Section 113 Cause of Action Controversy*, 31 *Tulsa L.J.* 851 (Summer 1996).

Life Beyond the Law

Richard enjoys running, skiing and studying local Los Angeles history. In his spare time, Richard is currently trying to teach himself how to play electric guitar and is relying on advances in modern technology (i.e., a great app) to learn Korean. More than anything, Richard enjoys spending time with his family.

Bar Admissions

California

Court Admissions

US District Court, Central District of California

US District Court, Southern District of California