



## George N. Koumbis

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### Industries

Automotive  
Hospitality

### Practices

Complex Litigation  
Labor & Employment

### Education

University of San Diego School of Law JD, 2006  
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George Koumbis is an associate in the automotive group, which has been recognized by *Chambers USA* as a leader in the category Transportation: Road (Carriage/Commercial). He works on individual consumer and class actions, unfair competition and commercial litigation. His responsibilities include trial and appellate work, regulatory compliance, and business litigation.

### Representative Matters

- Favorably closed Bureau of Automotive Repair and Federal Trade Commission investigations.
- Successfully opposed motion for class certification in state-wide action based on alleged violation of CA Penal Code for recording and monitoring employee phone calls.
- Drafted motions in limine that led to dismissal of Commercial Code and fraud action on first day of jury trial.
- Motion for judicial determination and motion for summary adjudication granted and resulted in the dismissal of putative DMV electronic filing fee class action and favorable settlement of "backdating" class action.
- Obtained dismissal of claims for violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act based on alleged failure to provide hand controls for vehicle test drives.
- Secured summary judgment on breach of warranty, fraud, and intentional infliction of emotional distress claims.
- Reversed million dollar jury verdict on commercial real estate breach of contract action. (*Ash v. North American Title Company* (2014) 223 Cal.App.4th 1258)
- Motion to compel arbitration and dismiss putative class action granted and affirmed on appeal in published opinion. (*Flores v. West Covina Auto Group* (2013) 212 Cal.App.4th 895.) Petition for review by CA Supreme Court granted.
- First chaired seven day court trial involving contract dispute between satellite television retailers.
- Sat second chair and attained favorable judgment in court trial representing dealership and dealer principal in multi-party litigation over alleged violation of SB 114 (providing financial incentives

to “relocating” dealership).

- Served as sole arbitration counsel and obtained judicial arbitration award in favor of automotive dealership against repair facility for parts sold and referral business.
- Struck portions of plaintiffs’ complaint alleging class-wide rescission under “backdating”, “fee lumping”, and “DMV filing fee” classes without leave to amend.
- Assisted in achieving defense verdict on ASFA, CLRA, and UCL “backdating” class.
- Defended satellite television retailer in federal court over trademark dispute with satellite service provider.

## Reported Cases

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- *Ash v. North American Title Company* (2014) 223 Cal.App.4th 1258
- *Flores v. West Covina Auto Group* (2013) 212 Cal.App.4th 895

## Professional Activities

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George is a member of the American Bar Association and Hellenic Law Society of Southern California.

## Bar Admissions

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California

## Court Admissions

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US District Court, Central District of California

US District Court, Southern District of California

US District Court, Northern District of California

US Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit