



# Franjo M. Dolenac

PARTNER

Franjo is a Partner in the Complex Litigation practice and Automotive group, which has been recognized by Chambers USA as one of the best in the country.



## Industries

[Transportation & Mobility](#)

## Practices

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## Education

Loyola Law School, JD  
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Franjo has represented clients in various business and commercial matters, including franchise, antitrust, consumer, contract, energy and environmental, copyright, trade secret, and complex/class action cases. His broad experience includes pre-lawsuit investigations, motion practice, mediation, trial, and appellate brief writing and argument. Franjo has served clients as both lead trial counsel and co-counsel in jury trials, bench trials, and administrative hearings.

## Client Work

Notable achievements for clients include:

- A commercial breach of contract jury trial that yielded a unanimous verdict awarding the commercial bus dealership's full request for relief;
- A complex, asbestos, jury trial, prevailing on a novel evidentiary motion in limine before the case reached the jury, resulting in no liability to the client;
- A "dealer vs. dealer" dispute involving specific performance and constructive trust equitable claims related to a buy/sell agreement of a new automobile dealership, resulting in a complete victory for the client;
- Two separate protests and resulting administrative merits hearings before the New Motor Vehicle Board prosecuting the dealerships' protest of termination of their franchise agreements by the franchisor-manufacturer, prevailing on both protests;
- An appeal of a client's favorable judgment on issues of Commercial Code applicability, substantial evidence supporting the jury verdict, and reasonableness of the client's attorney fee award, resulting in the Court's affirming the judgment.

## Previous Work

Before joining ArentFox Schiff, Franjo was an associate at an international law firm as well as a boutique automotive law firm. In his earlier career, Franjo worked as a public policy consultant.

## Publications, Presentations & Recognitions

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### Recognitions

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, *Best Lawyers* (2024)
- *The Legal 500 United States* (2021-2023)

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### Bar Admissions

[California](#)

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### Court Admissions

[US District Court, Central District of California](#)  
[US District Court, Northern District of California](#)  
[US District Court, Southern District of California](#)  
[US Tax Court](#)