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



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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 Arent Fox, 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.

Bar Admissions

California

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