



Duane Morris' **SAN DIEGO OFFICE** provides the firm with a strong base from which to serve its expanding roster of global clients with locations and interests in Southern California and across the western United States. The attorneys in the San Diego office offer a comprehensive range of legal services to a variety of businesses, including startup ventures, technology companies, manufacturers, pharmaceutical and medical device companies, real estate developers, educational institutions, financial institutions and financial fiduciaries.

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## RANGE OF SERVICES

- ▶ Corporate, Securities, Mergers and Acquisitions
- ▶ Complex Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution
- ▶ Commercial Litigation
- ▶ Products Liability, Toxic Torts and Product Safety
- ▶ White-Collar Criminal Law
- ▶ Class Action
- ▶ Franchise Law
- ▶ Commercial Finance
- ▶ Real Estate
- ▶ Employment Law and Management Labor Relations
- ▶ Education Law
- ▶ Intellectual Property
- ▶ Life Sciences
- ▶ Information Technology and Telecommunications
- ▶ Insurance



**U.S. NEWS-BEST LAWYERS** ranks the San Diego office for Patent Litigation.

**JENNIFER KEARNS** was honored with a *San Diego Business Journal* 2018 Business Women of the Year Award, which recognizes dynamic women business leaders who have contributed significantly to San Diego's workplaces and communities.

**PATRICIA HOLLENBECK** serves on the board of directors for the San Diego County Bar Association.

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- ▶ Represented **IROKO PHARMACEUTICALS, LLC** in connection with a **\$140 MILLION** secured loan facility with CRG, a healthcare investment fund, and the simultaneous pay-off of Iroko's loan facility with another lender.
- ▶ Represented **WOOD PARTNERS** in its successful opening of The Rey, one of the largest apartment complexes built in downtown San Diego in years.
- ▶ Obtained on behalf of **PAUL MITCHELL** franchise schools, **JOHN PAUL MITCHELL SYSTEMS** (manufacturer of Paul Mitchell products) and others an order from the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California granting summary judgment in a putative class action case, holding the schools did not owe wages to students who were in training for their profession.
- ▶ Defense of a number of related actions against a California state chartered bank for breach of fiduciary duties and violations of BSA/AML involving demand deposit accounts of over 386 political organizations, candidates, and federal and state officeholders involving over **\$12 MILLION**.
- ▶ Obtained an appellate victory for **DELTA CAREER EDUCATION CORP.** and **MCCANN EDUCATION CENTERS, INC.**, reversing the trial court determination that there was no agreement to arbitrate and remanding for determination on the petition to compel arbitration.
- ▶ Represented **EX'PRESSION CENTER FOR NEW MEDIA, INC.** in its acquisition by SAE Institute Group, Inc., a division of Navitas Limited.
- ▶ Represented **QUEST DIAGNOSTICS** in the sale of a stream of royalty revenue from commercialization of the drug candidate Ibrutinib to Royalty Pharma for **\$485 MILLION** in cash.
- ▶ Represented **STAMINUS COMMUNICATIONS**, a leader in DDoS mitigation services, in connection with its sale to StackPath, LLC, a private equity-backed platform formed by ABRY Partners.
- ▶ Represented **MILAN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT**, based in Anaheim, on all land use work related to a major Oceanside shopping center renovation project, which includes demolition and construction of four new buildings totaling 116,000 square feet of space, including an 83,000 square-foot grocery store.
- ▶ Obtained summary judgment in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California on behalf of **B&H EDUCATION, INC.**, which owns and operates Marinello Schools of Beauty, in connection with a suit brought by cosmetology students who sought to represent a putative class claiming they should receive wages for training on paying customers in the student clinics.

- ▶ *Taft v. American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine* (California Court of Appeal, Second District, Division Six). Won an appeal on behalf of **AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF THE CARIBBEAN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, A SUBSIDIARY OF DEVRY EDUCATION GROUP**, which held the client was not liable for plaintiff's termination from medical school.
- ▶ Represented **JOH. A. BENCKISER**, the 80-plus percent stockholder of cosmetics manufacturer Coty, Inc., in Coty's **\$1 BILLION IPO**.
- ▶ Represented **INOVIO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.** in securing a 10-year lease with BioMed Realty, one of the nation's largest owners of biotech and laboratory properties, for its continued research and development of vaccines for HIV, cancer, hepatitis C and chronic infectious diseases.
- ▶ Represented **180-ACRE MARINE THEME PARK** in San Diego's Mission Bay Park, handling all City of San Diego and California Coastal Commission environmental review and entitlement approvals for new master plan for development and renovation.
- ▶ Represented internationally famous **125-ACRE ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN** in San Diego's Balboa Park; responsible for legal analysis, plan amendments and environmental review in connection with city approvals for major expansion of exhibit areas and parking facilities.
- ▶ Represented **1,800-ACRE SAFARI, SAVANNAH, EXOTIC ANIMAL PARK** in San Diego's San Pasqual Valley in connection with environmental review and obtaining approvals for permits allowing long-term development, renovation and expansion.
- ▶ Represented **NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK HOTEL RESORT** in City of Coronado in connection with future development issues related to the State Aeronautics Act and Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan.

## OFFICE LOCATIONS AND REACH



### UNITED STATES

Atlanta  
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Dallas  
Houston  
Lake Tahoe  
Las Vegas

Los Angeles  
Miami  
New York  
Newark  
Philadelphia  
Pittsburgh  
San Diego  
San Francisco  
Silicon Valley  
Washington, D.C.  
Wilmington

### INTERNATIONAL

Hanoi  
Ho Chi Minh City  
London  
Myanmar  
Shanghai  
Singapore

- ▶ Also satellite offices, including Bangor and Portland, Maine; and Seattle, Washington
- ▶ Alliances in Mexico and Sri Lanka
- ▶ Leadership position with international network of independent law firms

## COMMUNITY AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT



In April 2019, Duane Morris sponsored the **Make-A-Wish Walk for Wishes in San Diego** and raised more than \$11,300. For the past four years, the San Diego office has partnered with HoyleCohen to field a Walk for Wishes team, raising more than \$50,000 to help grant the wishes of children with critical illnesses.



In 2018, the San Diego office celebrated its 15th anniversary in America's Finest City. As part of the celebration and in recognition of the firm's accomplishments, Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer declared September 26 as **"Duane Morris Day"** in San Diego.

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