



Attorneys in **Duane Morris' San Francisco office** offer a breadth of services to an array of companies, public entities, and individuals. Our experienced attorneys have been practicing law in the city for decades and have long-standing ties to both the legal and business communities. As one of the largest firms in the city, the San Francisco office serves clients not only in the Bay Area, but also throughout Northern California, the Pacific Northwest and Pacific Rim nations.

RANGE OF SERVICES

- ▶ Complex Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution
- ▶ White-Collar Defense
- ▶ Professional Liability
- ▶ Products Liability, Toxic Torts and Product Safety
- ▶ Business Reorganization and Financial Restructuring
- ▶ Energy, Water and Natural Resources
- ▶ Insurance Coverage and Reinsurance
- ▶ International
- ▶ Government Procurement
- ▶ Intellectual Property
- ▶ Employment and Immigration
- ▶ Information Technologies and Telecom
- ▶ Real Estate
- ▶ Land Use and Development
- ▶ Construction Group
- ▶ Construction Defect Litigation
- ▶ Banking and Financial Services

COMMUNITY AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

San Francisco office attorneys serve or have served as board members and leaders in many civic and charitable organizations, including:

- ▶ San Francisco Giants Community Fund
- ▶ Boys and Girls Clubs of San Francisco
- ▶ Make-A-Wish Foundation
- ▶ Dress for Success San Francisco
- ▶ California Receivers Forum
- ▶ The Guardsmen
- ▶ San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
- ▶ San Francisco Food Bank
- ▶ Minority Corporate Counsel Association
- ▶ Association of Business Trial Lawyers of Northern California
- ▶ Water Education Foundation
- ▶ San Francisco Bar Association
- ▶ State Bar of California

ACCOLADES

- ▶ Repeatedly ranked as a **top workplace** by the *San Francisco Chronicle*
- ▶ Named to **BTI Client Service 30** for fourth consecutive year in 2024
- ▶ Named an **Awesome Opponent** in BTI Consulting Group's Litigation Outlook 2025
- ▶ Ranked among the **Top Bankruptcy Law Firms** in the U.S. from 2018-2025 in the Deal Power Rankings
- ▶ Named a 2024 Intellectual Property Practice **Group of the Year** by Law360 for work in patent and trademark litigation
- ▶ Ranked a **Top 10 Firm** (North America - North East) by both Patent Lawyer and Trademark Lawyer magazines in 2022-2024
- ▶ **Ranked by three Chambers national/regional guides** of leading lawyers for business—*Chambers USA*, *Chambers Global* and *Chambers Asia-Pacific*—as well as *Chambers High Net Worth* guide
- ▶ **Ranked in California** for Immigration, Insurance: Insurer and Labor & Employment: **Highly Regarded**
- ▶ **Ranked among U.S. leaders** in Insurance, Construction, Healthcare, Higher Education, Gaming, Cannabis Law and Immigration



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REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- ▶ Representing the **CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES** (CDWR) as lead litigation counsel in hearings before the State Water Resources Control Board to obtain permits for the development of two water tunnels that will convey water under the California Bay-Delta Estuary. Also on behalf of the CDWR, a \$4.3 million settlement in a case brought in Nevada federal court concerning alleged leaks into an Indian tribe's land and drinking water.
- ▶ Represented an **AMERICA'S CUP SAILOR** in defending charges of gross misconduct under Rule 69 of the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing. After five days of hearings before the America's Cup International Jury, our client was exonerated of the most serious charges and was permitted to continue sailing for **ORACLE TEAM USA** in its successful defense of the America's Cup.
- ▶ Represented **TORCHLIGHT INVESTORS**, a special servicer acting on behalf of the noteholder for a building, in a successful foreclosure auction bid.
- ▶ In **ZYNGA** privacy litigation, obtained judgment dismissing consolidated federal class actions alleging claims under Electronic Communications Privacy Act, Stored Communications Act and Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, as well as state common-law and statutory claims. Plaintiffs alleged that Zynga shared personally identifiable information with advertisers through the transmission of referrer headers that linked to **FACEBOOK** user pages—allegations that were based on an October 18, 2010, front-page *Wall Street Journal* article. Zynga argued that any leakage did not involve the “contents” of any communications under the federal privacy statutes, that any transmissions resulted from standard web-browser operations, and that plaintiffs had not alleged any actual harm. In May 2014, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit affirmed the dismissal of all claims against Zynga and the dismissal of most claims against Facebook in the parallel Facebook privacy case.
- ▶ Represented a multinational energy corporation in a wage and hour class action case in San Diego. The class claim was liquidated in the agreed amount of \$17 million.
- ▶ Representing a multinational technology company and a manufacturer of network security and data protection products in their defense against patent infringement claims in the Northern District of California.
- ▶ Counsel for the developer of a 600-unit, four building high-rise condominium project in San Francisco in connection with a construction defect lawsuit regarding windows, decks and plumbing material degradation issues.
- ▶ Represented a major oil company to develop practices and procedures to ensure compliance with regulatory standards concerning employee exposure to benzene.
- ▶ Representing judicial officers, courts, and court employees throughout the state of California in litigation involving government liability and constitutional challenges to court rulings and operations.
- ▶ Obtained unanimous jury verdict in favor of contractor in California False Claims Act dispute.
- ▶ Obtained an appellate victory from the California Court of Appeal on behalf of a foreign investor involving commercial real estate fraud.
- ▶ Represented **SAP** in a breach of contract lawsuit by the California State Controller's Office, claiming that SAP breached its contract to implement a new statewide payroll system for 290,000 employees. The Office sought \$325 million in damages; SAP asserted a counterclaim seeking damages in excess of \$20 million based on the wrongful termination of the contract.
- ▶ Represented a local university in its purchase of a 100-acre certified organic farm in California.

- ▶ Appointed as Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Washington to defend the former chair of the Department of Biostatistics at the University of Washington in suit concerning characterization of data from Phase III trial.
- ▶ Counsel to chemical and mortar manufacturer sued for trade secret misappropriation and breach of license agreement.
- ▶ Represented two pro bono clients in obtaining commutations from President Obama of their sentences for non-violent drug offenses by petitioning the president through the Department of Justice's Office of the Pardon Attorney.
- ▶ Represented CEO of major energy corporation in connection with antitrust investigation brought by the Department of Justice.
- ▶ Represented a city in obtaining dismissal of a citizen's lawsuit at the California Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division Three concerning campaign contribution laws and conflict of interest laws relating to a major resort project.
- ▶ Representing owner in subdivision and redevelopment of 60,000 gross square feet parcel into separate residential and commercial use buildings. The project includes environmental review, conditional use and variance applications, as well as resolution of pending CERCLA issues.
- ▶ Counsel to chapter 7 trustee in bankruptcy case of publicly traded biopharmaceutical company.
- ▶ Represented multiple consumer goods manufacturers in reporting potential product hazards to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission involving apparel, footwear, sporting goods and electronics, responding to and correcting hazard reports submitted by third parties to the U.S. CPSC Safer Products database, devising and negotiating terms of product recall campaigns with the CPSC, and coordinating international product recalls in the U.S., Canada, Europe and Asia.
- ▶ Represent chapter 11 liquidating trustee in fraudulent conveyance and other claims arising from failed Bitcoin mining manufacturing company.
- ▶ Represented defendant **CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.** in a patent infringement matter relating to integrated communications control device for a small office configured for coupling within a scalable network.
- ▶ Obtained a dismissal in the First District Court of Appeal on behalf of a California law firm in connection with a legal malpractice lawsuit brought by a former client.

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