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SUMMARY

Adam A. Ainslie is a trial attorney at the firm's Pasadena office. Mr. Ainslie's practice primarily focuses on public entity liability with an emphasis on constitutional right violations, dangerous conditions of public property, and catastrophic personal injuries and wrongful death. Mr. Ainslie also handles matters of general business litigation with respect to statutory commercial liability, and professional liability including the representation of design professionals in complex multi-party construction defect litigation.

As part of his practice, Mr. Ainslie has represented public entities and their employees in litigating matters involving allegations of dangerous roadway designs and maintenance, negligent emergency vehicle operation, police excessive force, false arrest, fabricated evidence, malicious prosecution, deliberate indifference to medical needs, and other civil rights issues.

Mr. Ainslie also has a transactional practice which includes advising businesses and individuals on copyright and trademark issues as well as negotiating various contracts and agreements for services, use of protected intellectual property, and entertainment production. Mr. Ainslie currently serves as outside general counsel for an entertainment management and consulting agency.

Mr. Ainslie is currently a member of several professional associations, including the Los Angeles County Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the Sports Lawyers Association.

Mr. Ainslie received his Bachelors of Interdisciplinary Studies in Socio-Legal Studies and Ethics from Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona and his Juris Doctor from Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles, California.

EXPERIENCE

Summary Judgment for Public Entity for Roadway: Mr. Ainslie represented a public entity defending against claims that a roadway was in a dangerous condition that caused the death of a child while crossing street. Plaintiff alleged the lack of traffic control devices and the timing of light sequences contributed to the dangerous condition. After Mr. Ainslie successfully obtained summary judgment at the trial court level, he continued to handle the matter through appeal where he received a unanimous decision affirming the trial court's grant of summary judgment.

Verdict Below Statutory Offer to Compromise: Mr. Ainslie represented a fire department that was sued for a traffic collision caused by one of its on-duty drivers. Plaintiff claimed permanent injuries which necessitated two surgeries and the need for two additional future surgeries. Through aggressive expert discovery and pre-trial motions Mr. Ainslie was able to reduce the total claimable medical damages by over \$1 million dollars. The matter proceeded to trial where Mr. Ainslie as second chair helped defend the fire department which resulted in a verdict that was less than half of the statutory offer to compromise.

Judgment on the Pleadings Granted in Employment Suit: Mr. Ainslie represented a police department and individual officers defending against a former officer's allegations of sexual harassment and retaliation that culminated termination. Mr. Ainslie successfully obtained judgment on the pleadings against all claims and causes of action based on a unique statute of limitation defense. After the dispositive judgment, Mr. Ainslie leveraged a motion for attorney fees and costs to convince the plaintiff to waive rights to an appeal.

Summary Judgment for Public Entity on Civil Rights Claims: Mr. Ainslie represented a district attorney's office, sheriff's department and an individual detective against claims of fabricated evidence, conspiracy to suborn perjury, withholding exculpatory evidence and unconstitutional policies, practices and procedures with regards to the rights of the accused. The claims were made by a former prisoner who served one of the longest reversed convictions in California history. Mr. Ainslie successfully obtained summary judgment for the public entities and partial summary judgment for the detective, which ultimately led to a favorable settlement before trial.

Negotiated Favorable Settlement for Engineering Geologist: Mr. Ainslie represented an engineering geologist that was sued by a driller for allegedly failing to properly advise the drillers of geologic conditions during construction of a custom beach-front home. Mr. Ainslie, through aggressive written discovery and depositions, was able to convince the underlying plaintiff to settle with his client separately for a minimal dollar amount.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- State Bar of California
- American Bar Association (Section of Litigation)
- Sports Lawyers Association

PUBLICATIONS/SEMINARS

- *Avoiding Litigation One Step at a Time*, ICRMA February 2019.
- *Personnel Records Not So Personal Anymore: Changes to the Confidentiality of Peace Officer Records*, December 2018.

PRACTICE AREAS

- [General Business Litigation](#)
- [General Casualty Litigation](#)
- [Professional Liability](#)
- [Public Entity Liability](#)
- Trial

EDUCATION

- Southwestern Law School (J.D., 2016)
- Arizona State University (B.I.S. Socio-Legal Studies and Ethics, 2013)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- California, 2016

COURT ADMISSIONS

- United States District Court, Central District of California, 2016
- United States District Court, Northern District of California, 2019