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Eric is a staunch advocate and aggressive defender of his clients and their interests.

A trusted legal advisor to individuals and businesses, he guides them through complex legal issues and strategic decisions. Eric firmly believes that most disputes are best resolved outside the courtroom through skilled and pragmatic negotiation. However, when litigation or arbitration is appropriate, he is a relentless and strategic adversary.

Having served eight years in the United States Marine Corps, first as an enlisted Marine and later as an officer, Eric is more than comfortable in an adversarial environment. Clients trust Eric to advance their interests in federal and state courts, in both trials and appeals. They also turn to him for representation in disputes before domestic and international arbitration tribunals.

For his business clients, Eric works to understand their goals and find ways for them to get there. He helps clients make deals, negotiate contracts, plan for growth and protect from risk. Clients don't want legal problems; Eric helps them avoid them.

Eric has assisted clients in a broad range of issues:

- Complex commercial disputes
- Contract negotiation, drafting and disputes
- International/cross-border commercial disputes
- Will and trust contests
- Fiduciary litigation, including defending and pursuing claims for breach of fiduciary duty by trustees or personal representatives
- Actions for accountings
- Large scale construction disputes
- Bid contests
- Banking and securities litigation
- Internal investigations

Services

- Litigation
- International Arbitration
- Fiduciary Litigation
- Federal Government Contracts

- Construction
- Taxation & Wealth Planning
- Latin America
- Financial Services Industry

Before Fox Rothschild

Prior to becoming an attorney, Eric served eight years on active duty in the United States Marine Corps. He spent his military career in the infantry, where he served as an enlisted Marine in the 1st Marine Division and a commissioned infantry officer in the 3rd Marine Division. He left active duty in 2004 and received his honorable discharge in 2012, holding the final rank of captain.

Prior to joining the firm, Eric was a litigator in the Los Angeles office of a major international law firm. During law school, Eric served as a member of the UCLA State Moot Court Team and the Veterans Law Society.

Bar Admissions

- Florida
- California

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California

Education

- University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law (J.D., 2007)
- University of California, Santa Barbara (B.A., 1999)

Fiduciary Disputes and Probate Matters

- **Elder abuse/financial exploitation/tortious interference with testamentary intentions case**
Obtained million-plus recovery for elderly client in Florida case involving substantial assets transferred to an adult child and her spouse.
- **Will contest/trust contest/undue influence case**
Obtained million-plus recovery for family members in Florida case involving allegations that elderly grantor's will and trust had been revised as the result of undue influence, and that other family members had financially exploited grandmother before her death and had tortuously interfered with the testamentary expectations of other family members.
- **Elder abuse/ financial exploitation/asset recovery/tortious interference with testamentary intentions case**
Obtained six-figure recovery for elderly client in case in which substantial assets had been transferred from client to one adult child and her family. The litigation spanned multiple states, in both federal and state courts, and included guardianship issues.
- **Breach of trust/removal of trustee/accounting case**
Assisted client with removing trustee and obtaining accounting in case involving allegations that family member, in role of

trustee of family trust, engaged in self-dealing and embezzlement, and had financially exploited elderly father who suffered from diminished capacity.

- **Florida will contest/trust contest/undue influence case**
Defended client against claims brought by adult child alleging that client had financially exploited her longtime husband (and child's parent) and cut child out of the will.
- **Contract-to-make-a-will/trust dispute/ undue influence case:** Obtained multimillion-dollar recovery for client who had received written promises of specific devises in grantor's trust, but was later written out of the trust by family members/interested parties using a power of attorney.

Construction Disputes

Eric has represented:

- **A general contractor** in multimillion-dollar claim involving substantial request for equitable adjustment resulting from mistakes made by city's designer with respect to the construction of a suspension bridge in San Diego, California.
- **A general contractor** in claim against subcontractor on major government agency project, in which subcontractor's work was defective and resulted in substantial water intrusion and eventual water damage claim. Case involved substantial litigation regarding what damages were covered under subcontractor's CGL insurance policy.
- **A general contractor** in dispute with steel fabricator on federal government project in San Diego, California, alleging that fabricator had failed to provide steel work according to specification.
- **A nationwide project owner** in numerous disputes with subcontractors and tenants regarding construction of major commercial real estate projects through the country.
- An overseas **federal government contractor** in claim that federal government improperly ruled contractor's bid was non-responsive.
- **A nationwide project owner** in drafting and negotiating construction contracts through the country.
- **A project owner** in multimillion-dollar dispute with home owners/purchasers of apartment building that was converted into condominium, involving claims of substantial water intrusion and mold.
- **A home owner** in dispute against contractor regarding defective workmanship and installation of windows and doors, resulting in water intrusion in multimillion-dollar beachfront home in Santa Monica, California.
- **A home owner** in dispute with prior owner/seller regarding allegations that seller had failed to properly disclose known water intrusion and flooding issues.
- **A home owner** in dispute with property inspection company regarding alleged failure to identify and report defective plumbing issues, resulting in eventual water intrusion event.

Business Litigation

- **Development partner dispute**
Represented developer in multimillion-dollar claim against former business partner relating to massive development project, after business partner attempted to deprive client of the benefit of their bargain. Claims included contract claims, quantum meruit, unjust enrichment.

- **Financial services litigation**

Defended financial services industry client against seven-figure claim for damages related to third-party fraud. Claims involved breach of contract, negligence, and Uniform Commercial Code claims. Obtained complete defense judgment (zero damages) following arbitration hearing in Miami.

- **Securities fraud litigation**

As part of litigation team, defended investment adviser against claims by disgruntled investor that adviser had failed to follow client instructions and otherwise defrauded him. Case resulted in complete jury verdict in favor of investment adviser.

- **Securities fraud litigation**

Defended individual against claims by Securities and Exchange Commission that individual had committed securities fraud.

- **White collar criminal defense**

Defended client against claims by federal government that client had engaged in unlawful hacking of major consumer retail website.