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Isaac serves as chair of Much's West Coast Litigation group and has a broad practice that spans business litigation, partnership and corporate disputes, trademark prosecution and litigation, and general real estate matters. Isaac has achieved successful results as both a plaintiff and defense attorney, having handled hundreds of matters, with trials to verdict in over 50 cases. Isaac has tried cases throughout Southern California and provided legal counsel in numerous other states as well as Europe and China. He also acts as general counsel for a number of small to midsize Orange County companies.

Some of Isaac's recent trials include:

- ***Roth et al. v. Security National Guaranty, Inc.***: Successfully defended all claims made by the plaintiffs against Security National Guaranty. In arbitration, the plaintiffs sought \$50 million for claimed damages related to a hybrid contingency fee agreement they had with Security National Guaranty. The arbitrator ruled in favor of Security National Guaranty on all claims, finding that the contingency component of the agreement was not triggered, and that the plaintiffs were not entitled to any quantum meruit compensation.
- ***Trevino v. Estate of Labbe***: Tried the case to a jury. After three weeks, the jury returned a complete defense verdict in favor of the estate and awarded the estate a multimillion dollar verdict for conversion, including punitive damages.
- ***Parallax Medical Systems and SCMI v. STAAR Surgical Company and SCMI v. STAAR Surgical Company***: Successfully represented two regional manufacturing representative companies in separate trials for business tort/interference with prospective economic advantage against STAAR Surgical Company. In the two jury trials, Isaac procured multimillion dollar verdicts and punitive damages after the juries found that STAAR intentionally interfered with contractual arrangements that had been procured by SCMI and Parallax to sell intraocular lenses produced by Bausch and Lomb. After the conclusion of the jury trials, each of which lasted two months, the juries found that the plaintiffs had economic relationships and that STAAR had intentionally interfered with them.
- ***DiStefano v. Sage Equity, Inc.***: Secured complete defense verdict. In this case, the plaintiff sued his lenders for wrongful foreclosure. He also sued each of the

trustees/foreclosing parties and the party that purchased at trustee's sale. After a six-week jury trial, the jury returned a complete defense verdict.

- ***Shoreline Properties, LLC v. Union Bank, N.A.***: Secured a judgment for the plaintiff, Shoreline Properties, violation of Commercial Code Section 3405 against Union Bank. After a three-week jury trial, the jury found unanimously that Union Bank improperly accepted multiple deposits under suspicious circumstances. Isaac procured 100 percent of his client's damages incurred, including interest and costs.
- ***Bane v. Martynec et al.***: Obtained judgments for the plaintiff against the five defendants in excess of \$10 million based upon an embezzlement/RICO scheme. This matter involved five different defendants conspiring to defraud over the course of six years. The defendants' embezzlement scheme included falsification of critical corporate documents and identity theft. The litigation lasted four years.

Education

University of California, Hastings, College of the Law
J.D., 2001

University of California, Santa Barbara
B.A., 1998, summa cum laude

Bar Admissions

California

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

Professional Organizations

- American Bar Association
- Orange County Bar Association

Community

Isaac previously served on the Board of Directors for El Sol Science and Arts Academy of Santa Ana. While on the board, Isaac helped El Sol procure funding to build a permanent campus for its students.

Isaac also is involved in the UC Hastings mentorship program, where he mentors law students through their time at his alma mater.

Accolades

- California Super Lawyers – Rising Stars, 2011-2017

Services

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Business & Finance

Real Estate

Areas of Focus

Business Disputes

Contract Enforcement & Defense

Business Law & Structuring