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Alan is a commercial litigator whose practice has an emphasis on complex business and intellectual property disputes. He represents clients in the defense of a wide array of matters, including:

- Contract disputes
- Fraud claims
- Negligent misrepresentation claims
- Breach of fiduciary duty allegations
- Defamation and labor disputes
- Copyright and trademark infringement claims
- Unfair competition actions
- Trade secret misappropriation
- Product liability
- Insurance coverage disputes

PRACTICE AREAS

Business & Commercial Litigation
Class Actions & Complex Litigation
Employment
Insurance Services
Intellectual Property
Professional Liability
Trials

ACCOLADES

Southern California Super Lawyers Rising Star, Business Litigation, 2022-2024

COURT ADMISSIONS

California
USDC: Central District of California
USDC: Eastern District of California
USDC: Southern District of California

EDUCATION

JD, Southwestern Law School, 2011
BA, University of Southern California, 2006

During law school, he served as an editor for the *Southwestern Law Review*.

Representative Matters

- Defended a city and its police department against claims of negligence arising during the course and scope of employment for the city.
- Currently representing a large metropolitan city in a lawsuit arising from a vehicle-versus-motorcycle collision involving allegations of negligence and a dangerous condition of public property. The matter is ongoing and set for trial in October 2025.
- Currently representing a large metropolitan city and its police department in a wrongful death lawsuit brought by the families of two individuals who were fatally struck by a suspect fleeing law enforcement during a vehicle pursuit. Plaintiffs allege negligent and unlawful pursuit practices. The matter remains pending.
- Currently representing a large metropolitan city in a wrongful death action involving a 14-year-old pedestrian fatally struck following a two-vehicle collision. Plaintiffs allege a dangerous condition due to inadequate traffic controls. The matter is ongoing and set for trial in January 2026.
- Currently representing a large metropolitan city in a vehicle collision arising from an alleged dangerous condition on the roadway. The matter has conditionally settled, pending city approval, for approximately 40% of the plaintiff's demand.
- Persuaded the court to allow our client to continue operating its newly formed company after the client's former employer sought to permanently shutter it and recover millions of dollars in damages. While the court ultimately awarded some monetary recovery to the plaintiff, our client was able to continue operating its company.
- Secured a favorable settlement for the CEO of a film distribution and aggregator company in a shareholder derivative lawsuit that alleged dilution, breach of fiduciary duty, and corporate waste, and a companion trademark lawsuit, which resulted in the removal of the disgruntled shareholder through a stock repurchase agreement and the dismissal of the shareholder derivative and trademark suits.
- Served as trial counsel co-chair before a three-judge binding arbitration panel representing the defendant landowner against the plaintiff developer in a land conveyance dispute.

- Negotiated a favorable settlement in a multimillion-dollar subrogation and indemnity action in federal court involving allegations of negligently administering 93 workers' compensation claims for a national trucking transportation company.
- Secured a favorable outcome for the defendant in an arbitration relating to a real estate purchase agreement dispute. The developer/purchaser accused our client of failing to disclose material documents and sought specific performance to convey property at no cost, damages for delay, and lost profits of \$5 million.
- Negotiated a nominal settlement for an investment company in a multimillion-dollar alternative energy venture.
- Won a jury trial in favor of our client, the designer and installer of a fire protection and alarm system, in a breach of contract/mechanic's lien foreclosure claim. The defendant, an investment firm that hired our client to help with an extensive remodel of a boutique hotel, refused to pay for the changes it requested and subsequently filed a countersuit against our client and two other vendors working on the redesign. After the court consolidated all three plaintiff suits, the jury found in favor of our client and the co-plaintiffs, awarding them the full amount of damages requested.

Events

Ropers Majeski Was Proud to Sponsor CenterForce's Employment Law Summit

September 13, 2024

Ropers Partner Robert A. Orozco contributed to the dialogue by participating in the panel, "The New Era of Pay Equity: Strategies to Minimize Liability, Increase Employee Retention, and Performance"

Alan J. Hart and Timothy J. Lepore Were Proud to Be a Part of the PLUS Conference

December 11, 2023

Ropers Partners Alan J. Hart and Timothy J. Lepore attended the conference

Insights

California Supreme Court Expands Treble Damages and Attorneys' Fees in Business Tort Cases

February 08, 2024

In 2022, the California Supreme Court extended the applicability of California Penal Code § 496(c)'s claims for special damages and...

News

Alan J. Hart Selected to 2024 Southern California Rising Stars List

June 11, 2024

Congratulations to our Partner, Alan J. Hart, for receiving this honor

Alan J. Hart Recognized Among 2023 Southern California Rising Stars

Super Lawyers

June 06, 2023

Congratulations to our Partner, Alan J. Hart, for this recognition

Ropers Majeski Attorney Recognized Among 2022 Southern California Rising Stars

Super Lawyers

June 07, 2022

Congratulations to our Southern California partner who is recognized in the 2022 Southern California edition of *Super Lawyers*

Speaking Engagements

Legal Year in Review

Ropers Majeski

May 12, 2016 - May 29, 2016

Ropers Majeski Partners present a Year in Review