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Mr. Wright's practice emphasizes commercial, general and financial institutions litigation in federal and state court. He has extensive litigation and trial experience in both jury and non-jury matters during his 36 years of practicing law in San Francisco. Mr. Wright has also engaged in extensive alternate dispute resolution proceedings, including mediation and arbitration, in which he has used creative negotiations and trial skills to bring successful resolutions to his clients' disputes. He uses litigation as one approach among many to finding creative business solutions for his clients.



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- *Ford Motor Co. v. Superior Court*, 41 Cal. Rptr. 2d 627, Previously published at: 35 Cal. App. 4th 997, (Cal. Rules of Court, Rules 976, 977, 979), (Cal. App. 1 Dist., June 12, 1995) (No. A066781)
- *Bank of America v. Salinas Nissan, Inc.*, 207 Cal. App. 3d 260, 254, Cal. Rptr. 748 (Cal. App. 6 Dist., Jan 19, 1989) (No. H002283)
- *First State Ins. Co. v. Callan Associates, Inc.*, 914 F. Supp. 369 (N.D. Cal., Feb 02, 1996) (No. C-94-2532 WDB)

Mr. Wright, selected a Northern California Super Lawyer for 2011, is a member of the California and San Francisco Bar Associations. He is also a member of the board of directors of AIMRRG, a non-profit professional liability risk retention group. He is a past member of the Audit Committee of the San Francisco Legal Aid Society, the oldest non-profit legal aid organization west of the Mississippi, and past president of the Belvedere Lagoon Property Owners Association, a private, non-profit association of homeowners in Marin County, California.

Mr. Wright earned his J.D. *cum laude* at the University Of San Francisco School Of Law in 1974 and he received his B.A. with high honors at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Following graduation from law school, he clerked for one year for the Honorable Ira A. Brown, Jr. in the law and motion department of the San Francisco Superior Court.

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