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Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Litigation; Real Estate; Class Actions; Intellectual Property Law; Cannabis & Hemp Industry Law Group; Fiduciaries, Receivers & Trustees; Alternative Lenders



Pooya E. Sohi represents public and private companies in a variety of state and federal court cases involving contract disputes, commercial litigation, and business torts, including tortious interference, fraud, and breach of fiduciary duty. Mr. Sohi has extensive experience in real estate litigation and has successfully prosecuted lawsuits involving multi-million dollar purchase and sale transactions, specific performance of sale agreements, and various other real estate related disputes including those arising from the financing of commercial properties, real estate investments, easement disputes, and broker disclosure issues. Mr. Sohi also represents regional and national lenders, banks, financial institutions, and REITs. In addition, Mr. Sohi has expertise in matters arising from partnership and joint venture disputes, creditor's rights, receiverships, and intellectual property.

Among the representative litigation matters Mr. Sohi has handled are defense of claims for tens of millions of dollars arising from alleged fraud and Ponzi schemes, prosecution and defense of breach of contract and fraud claims between corporate entities and their principals, prosecution of claims against officers of publicly held companies for mismanagement and self-dealing, defense of class actions, and numerous other complex litigation matters.

Mr. Sohi also advises cannabis businesses as a member of the Firm's Cannabis & Hemp Industry Law Group, whose representative clients include investment funds, multi-state operators, cultivators, manufacturers, distributors, retailers, intellectual property licensors, equipment lessors, factors, receivers, and lenders.

Representative Matters

- Represented commercial snack food manufacturer and obtained a multi-million dollar verdict following a four-week jury trial in a partnership dispute arising from a breach of an oral agreement.
- Represented private equity firm in a commercial guaranty case and obtained a multi-million dollar judgment by stipulation following the first day of jury trial.
- Represented real estate investor/developer in breach of contract case and obtained a multi-million dollar judgment and an award of attorneys' fees following bench trial.
- Served as lead counsel for defendants in a real estate dispute involving claims of broker/seller liability which resulted in a complete defense victory and an award of attorneys' fees in the full amount requested.
- Defended nationwide mortgage lender in breach of contract action alleging damages in excess of \$40 million and involving secondary market securitizations of subprime mortgage loans.
- Represented lender in state court receivership action involving multiple properties and defaults on loans in excess of \$30 million.

- Defended major pool filter manufacturer against product defect and failure to warn claims.
- Represented corporate client in the prosecution of a trade secret and unfair competition case and obtained a preliminary injunction that required the immediate turnover of misappropriated data, and prohibited defendants from doing business with customers through the use of client's confidential information.
- Represented court-appointed receiver charged with the completion, marketing, and sale of multiple residential communities.

Education

Mr. Sohi earned his J.D. at The University of California College of the Law, San Francisco, and his B.A., *magna cum laude*, in Political Science from the University of California, Davis.

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Community

- Volunteer, Los Angeles County Bar Association's Domestic Violence Project, assists victims of domestic violence obtain restraining orders and financial assistance for relocation purposes.
- Volunteer, Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services, represents prospective adoptive parents at adoption proceedings.

Languages

- Farsi/Persian