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Timothy Heggem is a senior attorney in the Orange County office of Theodora Oringher PC. He is an experienced crisis manager, trial lawyer, and litigator with substantial expertise in high-stakes trial work, complex commercial litigation, securities litigation, insurance coverage disputes, appellate matters, and products liability defense, including mass tort and multi-defendant coordination proceedings. Prior to joining Theodora Oringher, Tim was an attorney at Payne & Fears LLP and Irell & Manella LLP, where his practice encompassed white collar criminal defense; crisis management; patent litigation; securities litigation; insurance coverage litigation; and appeals before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the California courts of appeal. Tim also had his own practice for several years, where he served as outside general counsel to businesses and high net worth individuals in the financial, healthcare, and technology sectors.

Practice Areas

Business and Commercial Litigation
Insurance Litigation and Insurance Recovery
Securities
Product Liability
Appellate

Admissions

Bar Admissions

California

Education

Biola University

2006 B.A.
summa cum laude

Yale Law School

2010 J.D.

Representative Matters

- Led a team of lawyers in the nationwide defense of a major distributor in hundreds of products liability/silicosis cases, many coordinated in California; first-chaired the trial team that obtained a complete defense verdict in a high-exposure silicosis trial, with the jury finding no liability after brief deliberation
- As a lead defense counsel, played a central role in coordinating and directing broader defense efforts across coordinated proceedings, obtaining favorable judgments and settlements
- Secured a complete defense verdict following a bench trial in an action alleging fraud, negligent misrepresentation, breach of fiduciary duty, and unfair competition against an investment fund, its managers, and affiliates related to a pre-IPO investment in a foreign company; also resolved related copycat lawsuits through no-money settlements and dismissals
- Achieved an eight-figure settlement in a first-party property insurance bad faith action for a hotel investment company against its insurer, recovering for denied claims related to hidden construction defects causing widespread water damage in a historic property
- Resolved a pre-litigation dispute for multiple former executives facing claims of fiduciary breaches through mediation, securing a confidential, favorable settlement and preventing public litigation and reputational harm
- Obtained early dismissal of securities-related claims against an investment firm on forum non conveniens grounds, enforcing a mandatory New York forum selection clause in an underlying agreement
- Secured a temporary restraining order in a civil harassment proceeding to protect a client from online abuse, threats, and intimidation; after the opposing party breached the resulting settlement agreement by failing to cease disparagement and transfer a website domain, filed and resolved a breach of contract and promissory fraud action, achieving a favorable settlement including monetary payment and transfer of the domain

- Prevented federal indictment of a Fortune 500 parent company and obtained dismissal of all felony charges against subsidiary and personnel
- Prevented federal prosecution of commercial landlord that was a subject of criminal investigation
- Obtained early dismissals for Fortune 500 clients in class actions, shareholder derivative litigation, and patent infringement litigation
- Achieved a seven-figure settlement by appealing Fortune 500 client's six-figure loss
- Achieved a favorable pre-litigation settlement in eight-figure employment dispute
- Achieved pre-litigation resolution of economic interference and unfair competition claims, which threatened eight-figure investment

Accomplishments



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