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Erik L. Jackson is a trial lawyer who has been practicing law for over 24 years. He regularly represents and counsels clients across a broad spectrum of industries with respect to high exposure complex litigation matters and related issues affecting the clients. Erik assists his corporate and individual clients to address and resolve their legal disputes in as efficient and beneficial a manner as possible. Erik employs an analysis-driven approach to the resolution of the legal issues befalling his clients and has handled numerous high-profile matters to successful conclusion.

Erik earned his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Los Angeles and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Southern California Law School, where he received the Carl M. Franklin Award for International Law. Erik was a Fulbright Scholar in International Relations and International Law, in Helsinki, Finland, in 1992 and 1993.

Experience

Oil and Gas / Energy

- Represented oil and gas companies in numerous complex legal disputes of various types, including antitrust matters, commercial disputes, class actions, and complex tort matters.
- Represented a refiner in a high-profile gasoline price-fixing action in the Southern District of California.
- Represented an oil refiner in a high-profile antitrust and trade libel action against competitors in the rubberized asphalt paving industry. The case involved allegations of public contract bid rigging and required more than 30 depositions of City and Caltrans officials across the State of California.
- Represented an oil refiner in connection with disputes regarding refinery purchase and sale agreements.
- Represented an oil refiner in disputes relating to significant property damage and personal injury claims stemming from high-profile explosions and fires.

Media / First Amendment

- Successfully represented a celebrity defendant in a defamation action arising out of the Jenny Jones case, resulting in a published opinion of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in favor of the client (*Lieberman v. Geoffrey N. Fieger, et al.*, 338 F.3d 1076 (9th Cir. 2003)).
- Representing The Hollywood Reporter and other defendants in a defamation action arising out of the “Sony Hack.”

Gaming Industry

- Successfully represented a gaming industry hardware and software manufacturer in several “bet the company” copyright infringement and trade secrets actions in state and federal courts across the country.

Practice Areas

- Antitrust
- Commercial Litigation
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Utility, Environmental & Energy

Industry Sectors

- Gaming
- Media & Entertainment

Education

- University of Southern California Law School, J.D., 1992
- Helsinki, Finland, Fulbright Scholar, 1992
- University of California at Los Angeles, B.A., 1988

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court -- Central District of California
- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court -- Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court -- Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court -- Southern District of California

Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- State Bar of California

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- Successfully represented gaming industry companies in high-profile antitrust, civil RICO, and copyright infringement litigation in state and federal courts across the country.

Beverage / Wine / Dietary Supplements

- Successfully represented wine vineyard business partners regarding high-exposure disputes stemming from a significant sale of a wine brand.
- Successfully represented wine vineyard business partners in disputes with wine producers.
- Successfully represented a nutraceutical industry testing laboratory in class actions involving Hoodia and Anna Nicole Smith.
- Successfully represented a dietary supplement entity regarding issues relating to FDA subpoenas.
- Successfully represented a dietary supplement entity in actions involving claims of false advertising and copyright infringement.

High Technology

- Successfully represented numerous hardware and software manufacturers in complex commercial litigation and transactional matters.
- Successfully represented a software manufacturer in patent litigation involving image editing software.
- Negotiated sales of trademarks between major hardware and software manufacturers.
- Litigated numerous trade secret and copyright infringement actions involving computer software.

Real Estate

- Successfully represented commercial real estate developers, management companies, and principals in the defense of real estate mismanagement and fraud claims seeking \$40 million.
- Successfully represented industry-leading commercial and industrial real estate brokerage firms and brokers in numerous real estate litigation matters.

Insurance

- Successfully represented Director & Officer insurers in the defense of multimillion-dollar insurance coverage bad faith actions, including several cases that were tried to verdict.

Miscellaneous

- Obtained a trial verdict of in excess of \$8 million on behalf of a legal firm that was the plaintiff in a business fraud action.
- Successfully represented a defense industry supplier in connection with high-exposure claims by defense contractors.
- Successfully handled complex payment processing disputes involving foreign country venues and bankruptcy issues.
- Successfully represented public and private companies in disputes with high-level officers and other executives.
- Successfully represented a satellite television distributor in connection with high-exposure breach of

contract claims brought by cable television providers.

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