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Mr. Lister has a national reputation for litigating high stakes, complex product liability cases involving pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers and other high-tech companies. He is also known for his effective management and strategy involving pretrial aspects of complex, mass tort litigation.

Mr. Lister serves as national counsel for manufacturers of industrial valves and commercial boilers involving claims from asbestos exposure. He has also litigated matters concerning toxic chemical exposure and claims of personal injury caused by catheters, penile prostheses, breast implants, heart-lung machines, contraceptive devices and respirators.

Using his litigation management skills and understanding of the sensitive nature of his clients' matters, Mr. Lister handles disputes involving wills, estates and trusts. In this role, he defends trustees and executors in cases challenging the administration of trusts and estates, and represents beneficiaries claiming an executor acted improperly in the handling of an estate.

Court Admissions

- State of California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

Professional Memberships and Activities

- State Bar of California
- American Bar Association
- Orange County Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute

Published Decisions

- Davis v. Shiley, Inc., 64 Cal.App.4th 1257 (1998)
- Ministry of Health, Province of Ontario, Canada v. Shiley Incorporated, 858
 F.Supp. 1426 (1994)
- Doherty v. Aventis Pastuer, 2002 U.S. Dist. Lexis 9596
- Vestal v. Shiley Inc., 1998 U.S. Dist. Lexis 21566
- Vestal v. Shiley Inc., 1997 U.S. Dist. Lexis 23329

Community Involvement

4H Leader, Yorba Linda - Youth Horse Project

Volunteer, Wings of Angels Program

Representative Matters

Responsible for pretrial management and handling of over 500 cases consolidated in Orange County Superior Court for Pfizer Inc. and its subsidiary, Shiley Incorporated, in connection with the Bjork-Shiley prosthetic heart valve. Mr. Lister also was involved in strategic decisions concerning establishment and operation of Pfizer's heart valve document depository, which involved the storage and production of more than 8 million pages of documents.

Education

- University of California, Irvine, B.A. (1979)
- University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, J.D. (1982)

Practice Areas

Litigation