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Practices:

Business and Financial Crimes, Securities Litigation, Intellectual Property, Fraud, Qui Tam, Civil RICO, Entertainment, Complex Business Litigation

Ray Seilie is an experienced trial lawyer who helps his clients solve their most vexing and complicated legal problems. A graduate of Stanford University and Harvard Law School, he has tried and won numerous criminal and civil trials, secured notable victories at the pretrial stage, and is trusted by his clients to provide strategic advice on how to navigate complex legal problems before and during litigation.

Examples of Ray's successful representations include the following:

- After a three-month jury trial, Ray and his team won an acquittal on all counts for the former Vice President of Finance of HP/Autonomy Corporation in a case that is considered one of the largest fraud trials ever brought by the U.S. Department of Justice.
- Ray successfully defended worldwide K-pop sensation BTS against copyright-infringement claims, securing a complete defense judgment after the first motion to dismiss.
- Ray wrote, argued, and won a motion to vacate an arbitration award on behalf of a client being sued by Google for over \$150 million.
- After a month-long jury trial, Ray and his team secured a complete defense judgment for a Fortune 200 company against claims seeking over \$100 million in damages for tortious interference with contract and wrongful termination, then further secured a six-figure costs award for his client.
- Ray represented clients in litigation arising from two of the largest oil spills in the country's history, securing favorable results in both cases.

In addition to his trial practice, Ray has also briefed and argued appeals before the California Court

of Appeal and the Ninth Circuit. He has conducted numerous internal investigations for his clients, after which he has provided legal and strategic advice and, where needed, presented findings to the government. He is regularly asked by clients to negotiate seemingly intractable disputes before they reach litigation. Before joining Bird Marella, Ray practiced for several years at Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP after clerking for the Honorable Jay S. Bybee of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

He also served as a Deputy City Attorney for the City of Los Angeles, where he tried multiple cases to verdict as sole trial counsel. He has been recognized as a Southern California Rising Star by *Super Lawyers Magazine* and among the “Ones to Watch” list by Best Lawyers in America®. He is also an avid poker player.

Education, Clerkship & Admissions

- Harvard Law School, J.D., cum laude, Notes Editor, Harvard Law Review; Finalist/Oralist, Ames Moot Court Competition, 2010
 - Stanford University, B.A., honors, 2007
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- Law Clerk to the Hon. Jay S. Bybee, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
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- California, 2011
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Notable Matters

Trial counsel defending the former vice president of finance of Autonomy Corporation in one of the largest federal fraud trials brought by the U.S. Department of Justice. After a three-month jury trial, secured a full acquittal on all counts.

Trial counsel defending a Fortune 200 information technology services company in an 18-plaintiff lawsuit alleging claims for wrongful termination and intentional interference with contract. After a four-week jury trial, won a rare judgment of nonsuit and an order requiring plaintiffs to reimburse his client six figures in litigation costs.

Trial counsel defending Plains All American Pipeline, a Fortune 150 company, in a four-month jury trial defending against criminal charges arising from an oil spill off the coast of Santa Barbara.

Briefed and argued critical legal motions that resulted in the dismissal of 37 of the 46 initially charged counts and a penalty that was a tiny fraction of what the prosecutors requested.

Defended international K-pop sensation BTS and its label, HYBE Corporation in federal copyright litigation. In a rare “first round” victory, the district court granted the first motion to dismiss with prejudice and entered judgment in favor of the firm’s clients.

Defended a foreign advertising platform against Google in a nine-figure commercial dispute. Briefed, argued, and won a motion to vacate an arbitration award in which an arbitration panel concluded that it had jurisdiction over the client, who was not a party to an arbitration agreement.

Trial counsel defending a real estate developer charged with paying an illegal bribe to a Los Angeles City Councilmember.

Defended an oil-services company in “bet-the-company” litigation, defeating a preliminary injunction motion that would have shuttered the business and required the termination of all employees.

Defended a magazine publisher against a defamation lawsuit, securing a voluntary dismissal of all claims by the plaintiff in exchange for an agreement not to seek attorneys’ fees and costs.

Defended a for-profit educational institution and its executives in False Claims Act litigation related to its receipt of federal funds. Secured complete dismissal of the lawsuit before any pretrial discovery.

Defended a financial services company in bankruptcy litigation involving claims for fraudulent transfer and breach of fiduciary duty. Successfully obtained a dismissal of all claims in an order that was ultimately affirmed by both the district court and the Ninth Circuit.

Defended a major hotel company in federal civil litigation involving over fifty defendants arising from the unauthorized disposal of hazardous materials by a contractor. Negotiated and obtained

court approval of a favorable consent judgment.

Defended a drilling company in litigation arising from the 2010 BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, including through a multi-phase trial in federal court that resulted in a defense verdict.

Awards & Recognitions

- Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation, Best Lawyers®, 2022-present
- Impact Case of the Year: *People v. Plains All American Pipeline, Benchmark Litigation*, 2020
- Southern California Rising Stars, *Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2019-present