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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Litigation, Securities Enforcement Defense, Regulatory Investigations, Fiduciary Duty/Shareholder & Partnership Disputes, Government Representation, Securities, Securities Counseling, Trusts and Estates, Securities Industry Litigation

Overview

Mr. Rice joined the Firm in 1981 after clerking for the late U.S. District Judge Albert C. Wollenberg. He is senior counsel in the Firm's Litigation Department and the General Counsel of the Firm. He specializes in securities and business cases as well as other complex litigation for companies, governmental agencies and individuals. Mr. Rice has successfully litigated a wide range of cases in arbitration and state and federal trial and appellate courts. He also advises clients on how to avoid or minimize litigation. He prides himself on developing tailor-made approaches to legal conflicts and problems that yield cost-effective and satisfying results for his clients.

Experience

Mr. Rice has successfully represented many different kinds of defendants, including

- investment managers, corporations and corporate officers and directors sued by disgruntled investors;
- individuals and corporations investigated or sued by government agencies; and
- individuals and corporations engaged in conflicts over corporate governance or the interpretation of leases and other contracts.

He also has successfully represented many different kinds of plaintiffs, including

- family members who sued an Ivy League university for the misuse of donated funds;
- family members who sued to retain control of a family-owned business; and
- the California Attorney General and the California Department of Insurance in suits on behalf of the citizens of California.

In addition, he teaches a legal writing class to foreign LL.M. students at Berkeley Law School.

Publications/Speaking

Mr. Rice has written articles on litigation for the *San Francisco Recorder* and other publications. In addition, he has spoken on litigation and arbitration topics for groups of lawyers, arbitrators and expert witnesses.

6.1.14 / Articles

[On Litigation Skills - Oral Argument](#)

9.1.13 / Articles

[On Cross-Examination](#)

6.1.12 / Articles

[On Litigation Skills - Thinking Fast and Slow](#)

3.1.11 / Articles

[On Litigation Skills - Discovery from Experts](#)

9.1.10 / Articles

Dancing on Direct: Direct Examination of Witnesses

3.1.10 / Articles

On Litigation Skills - Reader-Friendly Briefs

3.1.09 / Articles

On Litigation Skills - Deposing a Hostile Witness

6.1.08 / Articles

Making Misconduct Matter - What to do (or not) when your opponent engages in misconduct

3.1.08 / Articles

On Litigation Skills - Arbitration

12.1.07 / Articles

A Few Brief Words - Keep busy readers in mind when crafting your written arguments

8.6.07 / Articles

Direct Directions - Let the witness take center stage during direct examination

3.1.07 / Articles

On Litigation Skills - Speeding Up and Slowing Down

9.1.06 / Articles

Button Up - Resist the voluntary spirit when defending a deposition

8.18.06 / Articles

Questions, Period - The art and science of depositions

2.21.06 / Articles

Monkey Business - Peacemaking among people and other primates

11.14.05 / Articles

Expert Advice - Key questions to ask opposing expert witnesses

9.19.05 / Articles

Your Witness... - A few tips on conducting an effective cross-examination

1.1.05 / Articles

Client Advisory: Dealing With Disgruntled Investors

3.1.04 / Articles

On Litigation Skills - Working On Your Weaknesses

3.1.03 / Articles

On Litigation Strategy - Being A Plaintiff's Lawyer

Professional Activities

Mr. Rice has been a member of the Board of Governors for the Northern California branch of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers.

Education

University of Chicago

A.B. in English with General and Special Honors, 1975

University of California – Berkeley, School of Law

J.D., 1980

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Editor, *California Law Review*

Admissions

California State Bar

All California State Courts

U.S. District Court for the Northern and Central Districts of California

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Accolades

Named repeatedly as a Northern California “Super Lawyer” by *Law & Politics Magazine*.

Founding editor of the ABTL Report for Northern California and author of a regular column on litigation practices for that publication for 20 years.