



Jason Moberly Caruso

Partner

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Jason Moberly Caruso is a partner in the Newport Beach office of Newmeyer Dillion. His practice focuses on various aspects of “contaminated sites” environmental legal work, complex litigation, and appellate matters.

Environmental Litigation & Regulatory Matters

Jason counsels and represents current and former facility owners and operators in state and federal proceedings, administrative actions, cost recovery cases, and non-litigation site remediation situations. The litigated matters frequently involve the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and its parallel California Hazardous Substances Account Act (HSSA). Jason’s counsel reflects an overlay of the technical, regulatory, and legal dynamics inherent in contaminated sites, often during real estate transactions or when seeking no-further-action determinations. Further, Jason specializes in Proposition 65 warnings for property owners and producers/distributors of consumer products regarding hazardous substance exposures.

Complex Litigation & Appellate Matters

When clients must go to court, Jason applies his significant experience in complex state and federal litigation over a broad range of substantive areas, including environmental, business, real estate, construction, and products liability. His experience extends from pre-litigation through trial and post-trial proceedings.

Jason has particular expertise in appellate matters, and has obtained victories for clients in general appellate and extraordinary writ proceedings in state and federal appellate courts. Jason has presented oral argument in appeals before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the California Court of Appeal.

Community Engagement

Jason's community engagement includes serving as a mock trial attorney coach for University High School through the Constitutional Rights Foundation Orange County (CRF-OC) and as a member of CRF-OC's Board of Directors. Jason also serves as secretary of the Orange County Bar Association's Professionalism & Ethics Committee, and is a member of the executive committee of the William P. Gray Legion Lex Inn of Court.

Services

- Appellate
- Business Litigation
- Eminent Domain & Real Estate Valuation
- Environmental
- Real Estate Litigation

Awards & Recognition

- Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2016-2020
- Orange County Best Lawyers list, 2018-2020
- Consumer Attorneys of California New Lawyers Division Award of Merit

Languages

- Spanish

Admissions

- California, 2012
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

Education

- University of California, Hastings College of Law (*J.D., cum laude, 2012*)
- University of Southern California (*B.A., cum laude, 2009*)
 - Political Science

Successes

Appellate – Complex Business Litigation

Drafted multiple opposition briefs on appeal and in response to petition for writ of supersedeas, defending a default judgment obtained by the client. Assisted in preparation of and presentation of oral argument to the Court of Appeal. Obtained affirmance in favor of client, which had significant positive ramifications for client's commercial dealings worldwide.

Appellate – Personal Injury / Medical Malpractice

Associated in as appellate counsel after client suffered adverse ruling on summary judgment. Drafted opening and reply briefs, as well as supplemental brief requested by the Court of Appeal. Argued the matter to the Court of Appeal. Obtained reversal of the trial court's ruling, in a published opinion.

Appellate – Real Estate Litigation

District court erroneously restricted scope of claims to be presented in arbitration proceedings. Drafted principal briefs on appeal, and assisted in preparation for oral argument to Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Obtained partial reversal of district court decision in favor of client.

Publications

June 30, 2020

The Potential Ethical Pitfalls of Social Media

OC Lawyer Magazine

September 30, 2019

“My Boss Made Me Do It” Won't Cut It: Why Ethics Is Important for New(er) Lawyers

OC Lawyer Magazine

August 30, 2018

New Proposition 65 Warning Regulations For Businesses Effective August 30, 2018

Fall 2017

'Take a Writ': Extraordinary Writs in the California Court of Appeal

Association of Business Trial Lawyers ABTL Report, Vol. XIX No. 3

News

January 21, 2021

Newmeyer Dillion is Pleased to Announce that Newport Beach attorney Jason Moberly Caruso Has Been Elected to Partnership

August 20, 2020

12 Newmeyer Dillion Attorneys Named to 2021 U.S. News Best Lawyers in Multiple Practice Areas

June 15, 2020

Newmeyer Dillion Newport Beach Attorneys, Eric Rollins, Jason Moberly Caruso & Richard Protzmann, Named to 2020 Southern California Rising Stars List

August 15, 2019

Newmeyer Dillion Attorneys Selected to *The Best Lawyers in America*® and Orange County "Lawyer of the Year" 2020 in Multiple Categories

May 30, 2019

Newmeyer Dillion Newport Beach Attorneys, Michael McClellan & Jason Moberly Caruso, Named to 2019 Southern California Super Lawyers Rising Stars List

August 17, 2018

Newmeyer Dillion Attorneys Selected to Best Lawyers in America® and as Orange County Attorneys of the Year 2018

August 15, 2018

Nine Newmeyer Dillion Attorneys Selected to The Best Lawyers in America® 2019

June 7, 2018

Four Newmeyer Dillion Attorneys Selected to 2018 Southern California Rising Stars

June 5, 2017

Newmeyer Dillion Attorneys Selected to the 2017 Southern California Super Lawyers Lists

January 24, 2017

Newmeyer Dillion Welcomes Three Associates to Newport Beach Office