



Jason Moberly Caruso

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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 land use, “contaminated sites” environmental matters, 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 (HSAA). 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., in both litigation, pre-litigation, and counseling contexts.

Land Use & Entitlement Issues

Jason also counsels and represents developers regarding land use and entitlement issues, from the pre-entitlement phase through construction, including associated administrative proceedings. Jason is well versed in the Housing Accountability Act, the “Builder’s Remedy,” and related statutory mandates, as well as permit streamlining and exaction issues. Jason has represented developers in litigation matters as well, and has a proven track record of obtaining and defending approvals of contested projects.

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 has included 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 has also served as secretary of the Orange County Bar Association's Professionalism & Ethics Committee, and as a member of the executive committee of the William P. Gray Legion Lex Inn of Court.

Services

- Appellate
- Environmental
- Real Estate Litigation
- Zoning and Land Use – Entitlements & Litigation

Awards & Recognition

- Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2016-2024
- Orange County Best Lawyers list, 2018-2025
- 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., 2012)
- University of Southern California(B.A., 2009)
 - Political Science

Matters

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 C

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. Argue

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

Appellate – Immigration

Obtained stay of deportation pending appeal, which permitted client to pursue post-conviction relief and care for family during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Publications

Published Article

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

Published Article

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

Published Article

“My Boss Made Me Do It” Won’t Cut It: Why Ethics Is Important for New(er) Lawyers The Potential Ethical Pitfalls of Social Media

Published Article

March 2021 Ethically Speaking - The Buck Stops Here: Oversight Obligations as to Subordinate Attorneys and Non-Attorney Employees

News

Aug 15, 2024 - Firm News

10 Newmeyer Dillion Attorneys Named to 2025 U.S. News Best Lawyers in Multiple Practice Areas

Aug 17, 2023

10 Newmeyer Dillion Attorneys Named to 2024 U.S. News Best Lawyers in Multiple Practice Areas

Jan 26, 2023 - Firm News

Newmeyer Dillion Partner Jason Moberly Caruso Certified As A Specialist In Appellate Law

Aug 18, 2022 - Firm News

11 Newmeyer Dillion Attorneys Named to 2023 U.S. News Best Lawyers in Multiple Practice Areas

Jun 08, 2022 - Firm News

Newmeyer Dillion Attorneys Named to 2022 Southern California Rising Stars List

Jun 15, 2020 - Firm News

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

Aug 20, 2020 - Firm News

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

Jan 21, 2021 - Firm News

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

Jun 10, 2021 - Firm News

Newmeyer Dillion's Eric Rollins & Jason Moberly Caruso Named to 2021 Southern California Rising Stars List

Aug 15, 2019 - Firm News

Newmeyer Dillion Attorneys Selected to The Best Lawyers in America[®] and Orange County

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May 30, 2019 - Firm News

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

Aug 17, 2018 - Firm News

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

Aug 15, 2018 - Firm News

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

Jun 07, 2018 - Firm News

Four Newmeyer Dillion Attorneys Selected to 2018 Southern California Rising Stars

Jun 05, 2017 - Firm News

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

Jan 24, 2017 - Firm News

Newmeyer Dillion Welcomes Three Associates to Newport Beach Office