



Gregory T. Fayard has joined the firm as a Partner in the Sacramento office.

Mr. Fayard brings nearly two decades of trial experience and will practice in the firm's Professional Liability and Complex and Commercial Litigation national practice sections. He is also a member of Lawyer's Liability and Governmental Law practice teams.

Mr. Fayard is panel counsel for a number of the nation's premier providers of professional liability coverage and his practice includes defense of a variety of professionals in errors and omission lawsuits around the country. He has represented accountants, doctors, dentists, lawyers, insurance agents, real estate agents, teachers, architects, engineers, clergy, corporate officers, and other professionals. Mr. Fayard has considerable experience particularly in providing legal ethics advice and representing law firms and attorneys.

Mr. Fayard's commercial litigation experience includes Directors and Officers defense, securities litigation, telecommunication leases, business contract disputes litigation, and claims under the Fair Debt and Collection Practices Act, False Claims Act, Telephone Consumer Protection Act, RICO, Fair Business Practice Act, ERISA and non-ERISA fiduciary actions, shareholder derivative suits, breach of fiduciary duty claims, restrictive covenant, trade secret and confidential business information suits.

Mr. Fayard also has extensive experience representing public employers in an array of civil rights and constitutional litigation. He began his practice as a deputy attorney general with the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, where he handled prison litigation for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and a variety of other civil rights lawsuits. His personal governmental experience includes being appointed by the Placer County Board of Supervisors as a county parks commissioner. He also has served on the Placer County's Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board.

Mr. Fayard received his law degree from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, with a Certificate in Governmental Affairs. In law school, he was a staff writer for the law journal, California Initiative Review, and received special commendation for his trial advocacy skills. Previously, he earned a Master's degree in political science from the University of Utah, and a B.S. in public relations from Pacific Union College.

Active in his community, Mr. Fayard is a member of the Sacramento County Bar Association and past president of the Placer County Bar Association, and has served as chair of the school board at the Sacramento Adventist Academy.

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