



Hon. Michael C. Solner (Ret.)

Business/Commercial Contracts

- Action between seller and buyer of well-known and very profitable dry cleaning establishment for breach of contract and valuation of future lost profits.
- Lawsuit by alleged joint venture for breach of contract and fraud against well-known celebrity. Allegations included failure to pursue production by celebrity with major worldwide retailer of a line of clothing licensing celebrity's name.
- Entertainment Law action for fraud and contract dispute with independent action film project involving multi-layered investment partners relating to full range of production from concept, financing, development, to ultimate distribution.
- Specific Performance lawsuit by buyer of unique, famous and historical restaurant. Seller rescinded sale when buyer's tender of payment was late due to time zone difference.
- Entertainment Lawsuit for fraud by purchaser of film library consisting of thousands of movies. Ownership and determination of profit sharing of many hundreds of 1970's movies where documentation of various rights to the movies was questionable or untraceable.
- Numerous real estate leasing disputes between well-known high profile developer of destination malls involving iconic major national brand lessees.
- First Amendment challenge to city's denial of permit to conduct strip club business in an inappropriate area of community and neighborhood.

- Dispute between joint venture partners involving the city of Los Angeles and the Community Redevelopment Agency in development of a multi-million dollar low income housing project. Numerous and layered aspects of disputes involved funding, statute of limitations, enforceability of developer's note, and allegations of tax evasion.
- Lawsuit against international fugitive hedge fund manager for fraud and misrepresentation in sales of securities. Defendant's agents were found not liable for any fraud or misrepresentation. Punitive damages of \$2 million were awarded against Defendant by the jury. Defendant was apprehended more than a year after the jury verdict.
- Lawsuit by buyer for fraud against sellers of 12 acre Malibu property for residential development. Thereafter, the California Coastal Commission accused buyer of attempt to defraud the Commission by failing to provide geological report buyer claimed had not been provided to him.
- Individual claim against insurer for coverage for major damage to large RV. Vehicle was "loaned" to 3rd party who proceeded to cause a single vehicle accident by driving RV off a bridge.
- Alleged breach of confidentiality agreement and settlement by state beauty contest winner who had sued defendants for defamation then settled at mediation.
- Dispute over insurance coverage for policy holders' failure to disclose lack of safety precautions before fire destroyed his single family residence.