



Employee Justice.

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Michael Morrison has dedicated his entire legal career to vindicating the constitutional and statutory rights of individuals. Michael's practice areas include class actions and other complex litigation, with a particular focus on labor and employment law, civil rights, constitutional law, appellate law and sexual abuse cases.

Michael argued and briefed four cases resulting in published decisions: *Macias v. County of Los Angeles* (2006) 144 Cal. App. 4th 313; *Blankenhorn v. City of Orange* (9th Cir. 2007) 485 F.3d 463; *Cinquegrani v. Department of Motor Vehicles* (2006) 163 Cal. App. 4th 741; and *Dalkilic v. Titan Corp.* (S.D. Cal. 2007) 516 F. Supp. 2d 1177. He is a member of the United States Supreme Court Bar, assisted in drafting numerous briefs and petitions to that court, and co-authored the merits brief in *Muehler v. Mena* (2005) 544 U.S. 93.

Michael has extensive class action experience and success. Michael was a member of the plaintiff steering committee in the coordinated action "The Clergy Cases," where a settlement exceeding \$660 million was reached against the Archdiocese of Los Angeles on behalf of hundreds of sexual abuse victims. As class counsel, Michael handled the following notable settlements: *Shoff v. AT&T* (mis-classification wage and hour case resulting in \$16 million settlement); *Doyle v. AT&T* (mis-classification wage and hour case resulting in \$10.5 million settlement); *Waters v. AT&T* (mis-classification wage and hour case resulting in \$17 million settlement); *Lita v. Bunim-Murray* (overtime case against reality television company resulting in \$5 million settlement); *Avery v. OCTA, TCA* (constitutional class action against toll road agencies resulting in over \$40 million in economic benefit to class members and sweeping injunctive relief); and *Morrison, et al. v. Six Flags Theme Park, Inc.* (race and ethnic discrimination case resulting in settlement over \$5 million).

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Michael obtained his J.D. in 1999 from UCLA School of Law, where he taught civil rights to UCLA undergraduates and served, during his second year, as the special assistant to the Honorable Cruz Reynoso at the United States Commission on Civil Rights. Michael obtained his B.A., *magna cum laude*, in political science in 1996 from the University of California at San Diego.

PUBLISHED DECISIONS AND NOTABLE CASES

Blankenhorn v. City of Orange (9th Cir. 2007) 485 F.3d 463

Cinquegrani v. Department of Motor Veh. (2006) 163 Cal. App. 4th 741

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Muehler v. Mena (2005) 544 U.S. 93

People v. Robert Blake (co-authored Petition for Bail to the California Supreme Court)

Democratic National Convention Cases (successfully represented individual victims and organizations subjected to police brutality during the 2000 convention)

ASSOCIATIONS AND INTERESTS

Michael is a member of the California Employment Lawyers Association (“CELA”) and Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles (“CAALA”). Michael grew up in San Diego after moving from New York City. When he is not engaged in his tireless pursuit of litigation and appeals, he enjoys boxing at Freddie Roach’s world famous Wildcard Gym, following the ponies and rooting for the New York Yankees.