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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chavez & Gertler LLP January 2013 - Present

Mill Valley, California

- Contract attorney with plaintiff's firm specializing in consumer protection and employment wage and hour class actions.
- Involved in various stages of litigation, including:
 - formulating case strategy;
 - conducting legal research;
 - drafting pleadings, briefs, and memoranda;
 - developing discovery strategy and drafting discovery documents.

Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP 2008 – 2012

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

- Associate and Student Associate with one of [Canada's top 10 litigation boutiques](#), recognized by [Chambers Global](#) for its dispute resolution practice.
- Focused on complex commercial litigation, employment law, and class actions in financial services, investment fraud and consumer protection.
- Involved in all stages of litigation, including:
 - Arguing motions;
 - Drafting pleadings, memoranda, briefs, opinion letters, and settlement agreements;
 - Assisting with discovery and depositions in complex, multi-party commercial litigation;
 - Counseling clients and interviewing witnesses;
 - Representing clients at mediation and judicial settlement conferences;
 - Conducting in-court examinations and depositions on judgment enforcement matters;
 - Supporting senior counsel on large matters and independently managing smaller matters.
- Responsible for firm fee collections and advising firm members on enforcement of judgments.

Representative Cases:

1. [*Cannon v. Funds for Canada et al.*](#)

Third chair on certification of a major, nation-wide [investment and income tax fraud class action](#) seeking to recover in excess of \$144 million in investor losses. Drafted briefs for certification and summary judgment motions; made oral arguments; assisted with discoveries and depositions.

2. [*Moyle v. Cash Money Inc.*](#) and [*Mortillaro v. Unicash*](#)

Successfully obtained certification and court approval for settlement of two class actions against payday lenders in respect of predatory lending practices. Made all oral arguments and drafted all certification and settlement approval materials.

3. *Intellectual Property Litigation*

Second chair on more than two dozen IP enforcement claims against software retailers on behalf of a major international provider of home and enterprise software. Successfully negotiated settlements and obtained consent and default judgments, including damages and injunctive relief.

4. [*McDonald v. Bank of Montreal et al*](#)

Drafted certification motion and served as attorney affiant in a successful motion for certification of a multi-million dollar claim against one of Canada's largest banks. The claim seeks recovery of undisclosed and improper fees charged on retirement trust accounts belonging to a class of 70,000 clients.

EDUCATION

- **University of Toronto Faculty of Law: J.D.** 2009
 - Consistently rated Canada's top law school and ranked 19th in the world by QS Global Ranking System.
 - First class honors in moot court program; advocate at student community legal aid clinic, representing clients in employment, landlord-tenant, and refugee claims.
 - No formal student rankings given: transcript and grade interpretation available upon request.
- **University of Toronto: M.A.** English literature 2002, with full academic scholarship
- **University of Alberta, Canada: B.A.** English literature 2000, first class honors

LICENSING

- Admitted to the State Bar of California, January 2013
- Admitted to Practice, United States District Court for the Northern District
- Admitted to the Bar of Ontario, Canada, July 2010

VOLUNTEER WORK

Pro Bono Attorney, Bar Association of San Francisco [Consumer Debt Education and Defense Clinic](#)

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Ontario Attorney General: 2004-2007

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

- Media Relations and Issues Advisor and Policy Analyst in court administration for Canada's largest court jurisdiction.

Representative Policy Projects

1. *Major Trial Logistics*
Co-developed a resource guide for major trial logistical planning to be used in management of terrorism and organized crime prosecutions and other high-profile/high-risk trials.
 2. *Court Interpreter Program Overhaul*
Coordinated internal review of standards for testing, training, and deployment of 830 language interpreters in Ontario's courts working in more than 90 languages. Co-developed operational policies to meet constitutional standards for language interpretation during court proceedings.
 3. *Exhibit Handling Policy Review*
Co-developed reforms to policies on media and third-party access to court exhibits designed to ensure constitutional freedom of the press standards were met without compromising the integrity of physical evidence or ongoing litigation.
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