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OVERVIEW

Robert C. Rodriguez is Partner in the San Diego office of GRSM and is a member of the Commercial Litigation, Consumer Protection Litigation, and Product Liability practice groups. His practice is primarily focused on the defense of national automotive manufacturers against negligence and strict products liability lawsuits in both state and federal court.

In addition, Robert represents automotive manufacturers in a host of breach of warranty claims brought under the Song-Beverly Act and Magnusson-Moss Act. Robert also has extensive knowledge and experience defending insurance companies and governmental entities in complex litigation matters. Robert has also successfully represented a number of subcontractors in large multi-party construction defect matters. In November 2008, Robert was named to the San Diego Daily Transcript's Top Young Attorneys of 2008.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Successfully defended the County of San Diego as first chair trial attorney in a 2-week civil rights trial venued in the United States District Court, Central District of California. Plaintiff asked for \$2 million in damages, plus punitive damages against the individually named San Diego Sheriff's Deputy. Jury returned with a unanimous verdict on behalf of the defendants.
- Served as second-chair trial counsel on two automotive breach of warranty trials. Both trials ended in favorable results for the client.

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, "Justices deliver automakers setback on pre-emption issue," Los Angeles Daily Journal (September 08, 2011)
- Author, "Work-Product Protection Denied to Tax Accrual Workpapers," Litigation News – American Bar Association Section of Litigation (October 26, 2009)

PRESENTATIONS

- "Mastering Medicare, Settlements, & Set Aside Trusts," Rossdale CLE Seminar, November 6, 2013
- Panelist, "Effectively Enforcing Judgments, Liens & Damages," Rossdale CLE Seminar, January 29, 2011
- Panelist, "Exploring Litigation Specialties," University of San Diego School of Law

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- California

Memberships

- American Bar Association – Member of Products Liability Committee
- San Diego County Bar Association
- Association of Business Trial Lawyers
- San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association – Board Member (2008-2013)
- The Honorable Louis M. Welsh Inn of Court
- San Diego Downtown YMCA – Board of Management (2008-2013)

Community Involvement

- Mock Trial Coach – Christian High School (El Cajon)

Education

- J.D., University of California, Davis School of Law, 2002
- *UC Davis Journal of International Law & Policy*, Senior Editor, 2001-2002
- B.A., Political Science, University of California, Davis, 1999

Honors

- Top Young Attorneys, *San Diego Daily Transcript*, 2008