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John Meehan has broad experience handling civil litigation matters and advising clients on claims involving personal injury, wrongful death, premises liability, employment, business disputes, professional errors and omissions, real estate, and product liability. He frequently represents design professionals and contractors in construction claims and also counsels clients on engagement contracts, operating agreements, and risk management. Skilled in mediation and arbitration, John has served as a neutral arbitrator and has been appointed by the court to serve as a special master.

Representative Matters

- Secured summary judgment for an owner's architect in a design-build project dispute.
- Negotiated favorable resolutions of multiple California claims for an architectural firm working on large international projects.
- Resolved various claims favorably for large engineering firms involved in international project design.
- Defended multiple premises liability claims on behalf of airports, a national food service provider, and parking garages.
- Obtained dismissal of a nightclub from a negligence claim involving a motor vehicle accident.
- Achieved dismissal of a negligence claim against an architect regarding contractor payment approvals and withheld fees.
- Won summary judgment for an attorney in a legal malpractice claim involving a trust instrument and contested will.
- Secured dismissal on demurrer/partial summary judgment in a wrongful death suicide claim against a school district.
- Negotiated a favorable settlement for a structural engineer in a multi-plaintiff wrongful death and personal injury case following a balcony collapse.
- Won arbitration judgment for a building owner in a lease dispute with a restaurant tenant.
- Formed an LLC for a startup food service business.
- Negotiated a favorable settlement for a mechanical engineer in a claim by an international hotel group over an allegedly defective HVAC system.
- Represented a landscape architect in contract termination negotiations.

Practices

Complex Tort & General
Casualty
Architects & Engineers Liability
Labor & Employment

Industries

Construction

Education

J.D., University of the Pacific
McGeorge School of Law, 1986

B.S., University of Oregon,
1983

Admissions

California

U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Tenth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the
Eastern, Northern, and
Southern Districts of California



- Secured dismissal of a negligence claim against an architect involving a faulty hydronic heating system.
- Achieved dismissal of a negligence claim against a structural engineer before a demurrer hearing.

Personal

With two daughters grown and off the family payroll, John now spends his free time with family and friends. Though meager in talent, he has rekindled his relationship with golf—a pursuit he and his wife take on with vigor and limited success.