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Faisal represents clients in complex commercial litigation and international arbitration matters.

Faisal is the head of Dorsey's Southern California office and a partner in the Trial Group who focuses on complex commercial litigation and arbitration matters.

Faisal represents a variety of clients, including public and private companies, foreign sovereign states, and state-owned entities in courts across the United States and in international arbitral fora across the world. His clients include airlines, oil & gas companies, healthcare providers and biomedical companies, banks and other financial institutions, technology, and other companies in high stakes matters. Faisal is a key member of the firm's Healthcare and Banking Practice Groups and also serves as the head of the Aviation Practice Group at Dorsey & Whitney LLP.

In addition to being a member of the California, New York, and New Jersey bars, Faisal is also admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States. He also represents clients in arbitral fora across the world, including the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), and the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague (PCA).

Faisal has also served on the board of and volunteers as pro bono counsel for several non-profit organizations. Faisal co-led Dorsey's representation of several individuals challenging the constitutionality of their non-unanimous jury convictions through the Promise for Justice Initiative Jim Crow Juries Project.

Prior to joining the Southern California office of Dorsey & Whitney LLP, Faisal worked on the East Coast for K&L Gates LLP.

Education

- Cornell Law School (J.D., 2003)
 - John M. Olin Student Scholar in Law and Economics; Managing Editor, *Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy*
- University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) (2000)
 - Boeing-McDonnell Academic Scholarship Recipient; University Honors; Dean's List

Bar Admissions

- California
- New Jersey
- New York

Recent Litigation Success

- *Falck Northern California Corp. v. SG Collaborative LLC*, 25 F. 4th 763 (9th Cir. 2022), Obtained the dismissal of an appeal challenging the Court's denial of an anti-SLAPP motion in conjunction with a business interference and contractual dispute on behalf of plaintiff emergency medical provider.
- *General and Vascular Surgery of Long Island et al. v. Paul Millsap, Brooklyn NETS, et al.*, New York Supreme Court, Nassau County, Case No. 612659/2021 (Mar. 16, 2022). Obtained dismissal of all claims against defendant financial institution in relation to NBA salary futures investments.
- *Liberty City Movie LLC v. U.S. Bank, N.A.*, 824 Fed. Appx. 505 (9th Cir. 2020). Obtained dismissal and appellate court decision affirming dismissal of all claims in relation to a complex film financing arrangement.
- *Page v. Minnesota Life Insurance Company, et. al.*, United States District Court for the Central District of California, Case No. 18-cv-01208-AG-KES (Mar. 11, 2019). Obtained dismissal of all claims against defendant IRA Custodian on jurisdictional grounds.
- *Randolph Roth IRA v. GoldStar Trust Company, et. al.*, Superior Court of California, Madera County, Case No. MCV069874 (June 27, 2019). Obtained dismissal of class action claims brought against defendant indenture trustee by bondholders, and secured the cancellation of the underlying indenture of trust agreements in a related bankruptcy court proceeding.
- *AmeriCare MedServices, Inc. v. City of Anaheim and Care Ambulance Service, Inc.*, Case No. 17-55565 (9th Cir., Aug. 27, 2018). Obtained dismissal and appellate court decision affirming dismissal of all claims against the private party defendant in eight related antitrust actions seeking \$31 million in damages.
- London Court of International Arbitration. Obtained a substantial arbitration award from the London Court of International Arbitration in a confidential aircraft leasing dispute on behalf of an international airline client who originally started off as the respondent.
- *Stereoscope, LLC v. U.S. Bank Nat. Ass'n, et al.*, Case No. 15-55370 (9th Cir., Jan. 12, 2017). Obtained dismissal and appellate court decision affirming dismissal of claims seeking nearly \$10 million in damages in an important decision that affirms the limited nature of duties owed by an escrow agent.
- *Virtualpoint, Inc. v. Poarch Band of Creek Indians and National Arbitration Forum, Inc.*, 15CV02025 (C.D. Cal., June 6, 2016). Obtained the dismissal of all claims asserted against the National Arbitration Forum in the first holding of its kind that extends the doctrine of arbitral immunity to Uniform Domain-Name Registration Disputes.
- *Sanho Corporation v. Wooblu, Inc., et al.*, Alameda County Superior Court of California Case No. RG13668105 (Nov. 27, 2014). Obtained summary judgment on behalf of the defendants entirely disposing of all claims in a dispute regarding an innovative consumer electronics device.

Select Experience

Airline and Aircraft Litigation

- Faisal has extensive experience with aircraft leasing disputes, including with litigation that has arisen in the context of deliveries and redeliveries. He has litigated matters involving entitlement to deposits and release of maintenance rents, as well as, matters involving condition of engines, airframes and various other aircraft

components. Faisal represents international air carriers in the London Court of International Arbitration and United States Courts.

- Represented an international air carrier in the London Court of International Arbitration and United States courts in connection with a leasing dispute, obtaining a very favorable result after winning a key motion.
- Obtained the dismissal or stay of multiple post-arbitration enforcement actions on behalf of various foreign sovereigns.
- Representing a financial institution in connection with enforcement proceedings in the United States related to an international arbitration award.

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court of the Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court
- London Court of International Arbitration

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Advisory Panel
- ABA Business Law Section, International Coordinating Committee Director
- International Society of Transport Aircraft Trading, Member
- Orange County 211, Board Member
- Orange County Bar Association, Member

Accolades

- Contributed more than 50 Diversity & Inclusion hours, 2022-2024
- Dorsey & Whitney – Scales of Justice Individual Award, 2021

Insights

November 10, 2023

The California Supreme Court (and Court of Appeal) - October 16 - October 20, 2023

July 14, 2023

The California Supreme Court (and Court of Appeal) - June 15 - July 14, 2023

February 3, 2023

The California Supreme Court (and Court of Appeal) – January 30 - February 3, 2023

November 23, 2022

The California Supreme Court (and Court of Appeal) – November 14-18, 2022

October 21, 2022

The California Supreme Court (and Court of Appeal) – October 17-21, 2022

September 12, 2022

The California Supreme Court (and Court of Appeals) - September 6 - 9, 2022

September 6, 2022

The California Supreme Court (and Court of Appeals) - August 29 - September 2, 2022

August 29, 2022

The California Supreme Court (and Court of Appeal) – August 21-26, 2022

August 19, 2022

The California Supreme Court (and Court of Appeal) – August 15-19, 2022

August 12, 2022

The California Supreme Court (and Court of Appeal) – August 12, 2022

August 5, 2022

The California Supreme Court (and Court of Appeal) – August 5, 2022

August 3, 2022

The California Supreme Court (and Court of Appeal) – August 2, 2022

July 22, 2022

The California Supreme Court – July 22, 2022

July 15, 2022

The California Supreme Court (and Court of Appeal) – July 15, 2022

July 1, 2022

The California Supreme Court – July 1, 2022