

## DALE K. GALIPO

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**D**ale Galipo has built a distinguished 36-year career rooted in a family tradition of advocacy.

"My father Charles Galipo was a personal injury lawyer in Cleveland, Ohio," he said.

Over the past several years, Galipo has secured numerous multimillion-dollar verdicts in civil rights cases involving police use of force.

In August 2023, he obtained a \$23.8 million jury verdict. The case arose from a December 2017 officer-involved shooting of Isaac Murillo, who was killed after allegedly firing shots during a mental health crisis. *Tammy Murillo v. City of Los Angeles, Fred Sigman, and Christopher Montague*, 2:21-cv-08738 (C.D. Cal., filed Nov. 5, 2021).

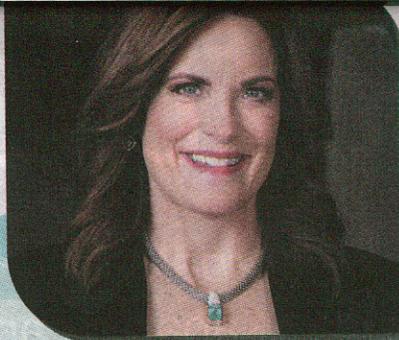
Despite defense arguments that officers shot Murillo because he was armed with a hammer, evidence including video footage demonstrated he most likely had a pull bar rather than a machete in his hand. The jury awarded \$5.3 million for Murillo's pain and suffering, \$5.3 million for his loss of life and \$12 million for wrongful death damages.

"This included that the decedent had injured his mother's boyfriend on the evening of the shooting, and then the decedent ran away from officers after officers and an ambulance were called to the scene to address the injury to the boyfriend," Galipo said. "Additionally, in that case, the decedent had a hammer and a pull bar on his person at the time of the shooting, and I was able to successfully explain to the jury that it would not be reasonable for the officers to perceive these objects as weapons."

More recently, in October 2023, Galipo achieved a \$13.5 million verdict in a case involving the death of Jacobo Cedillo, who died of asphyxia after being restrained by two LAPD officers who placed their body weight on his back while he was prone on the ground, including placing their knees on his back. The jury found the city failed to train officers regarding positional and restraint asphyxia risks, determining this failure caused Cedillo's death. *Nicole Zelaya v. City of Los Angeles, Dustin Richmond and Joseph Hunt*, 2:20-cv-08382 (C.D. Cal., filed Sept. 14, 2020).

Galipo said one of the main obstacles was overcoming the defendants' contention that the decedent's death was caused by methamphetamine intoxication.

"We worked with numerous medical experts to



## GENIE E. HARRISON

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**G**enie E. Harrison is president and lead trial lawyer of the all-female attorney employment boutique she founded in 2013, the Genie Harrison Law Firm. In 2025, she allied with another workplace injustice crusader, Maryann P. Gallagher.

The resulting partnership is working well, Harrison said. "My gosh, it's so great. We're extremely busy. We're fortunate to be doing great work for great clients."

Harrison represents former Los Angeles Fire Department Chief Kristin Crowley in her showdown with Mayor Karen Bass over Crowley's firing amid claims about budget cuts and other conflicts.

In October, Harrison filed an amended tort claim, amplifying charges she originally lodged on Crowley's behalf in August. The claim is a precursor to a wrongful termination, retaliation and negligence suit against Bass and Los Angeles.

"Our new claim is based on the mayor's subsequent conduct after we first filed," Harrison said.

The new claim spells out Crowley's beef: "When the city and Mayor Bass received Crowley's Aug. 20, 2025, tort claim, they had the opportunity to right the wrong, apologize for the lies, tell the truth, and stop the defamation and retaliation. Instead, the City and Mayor Bass chose to continue with lies, deception, defamation, and the sidelining of a career firefighter."

Ongoing finger-pointing regarding the January firestorms highlight the dispute.

"Bass again falsely attempted to blame Crowley for Bass's own decision to travel to Ghana while Los Angeles was under weather warnings," the new claim states, adding that in an interview, Bass referred to the "lack of notice from the fire chief ahead of time" about the weather warnings as "huge," "despite that Bass and her staff were well-aware of the documented weather warnings before she traveled to Ghana and hid her travel from Crowley and others."

The new claim details what Harrison describes as additional deceptive statements by Bass and faults the mayor for refusing to name Crowley to a deputy chief post.

"We're gearing up for years of litigation and trial," Harrison said. "Chief Crowley wants the full story to be told to a jury here in Los Angeles."

In late October, Harrison's new colleague, Gallagher, and the Harrison firm's longtime litigation partner,



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**C**asey Johnson never expected a personal injury attorney to become a friend. A chance encounter with friend Ashleigh Aitken — led to a summer clerkship that would define Johnson's

"If someone would have told me I would go to law school that I would be a lawyer, I would have laughed at them," Johnson said. But after joining the firm of Cohn, everything changed in "being able to put a name to the pain I did each day, knowing the difference in the life of someone at their lowest point."

Johnson has remained a personal injury lawyer his entire career, guided by Aitken's enduring wisdom. "She's the smartest lawyer in the room," Johnson said. "She's the most prepared and hardworking in the room."

That preparation proved invaluable in a six-figure million settlement in a side case involving a catastrophic head-on collision. "It was a unique challenge — the remarkable recovery and justice in just months after the first settlement, causation arguments.

"The primary obstacle I faced was the fact that my client physically couldn't walk. Despite returning to work with only a slight limp, the client suffered psychological injuries and required multiple surgeries. The settlement was reached after a trial, after overcoming numerous motions and extensive discovery over 20 designated expert

Johnson's advocacy expertise led to several victories. In a separate case, she represented a custodial worker who was injured while working overnight. *Godinez v. Universal Bu*, 30-2019-01100760-CU, filed Sept. 26, 2019).

The case required three motions for exceptions to workers' compensation, overcoming Privette and overcoming finger-pointing among the parties. It came only after two rounds of motions and proving the