

Franklin

Franklin noted that employment cases present challenges for plaintiffs. "Most employment cases are uphill battles against defendants with extensive resources and control of all of the witnesses and documents needed to prove the case," he said.

Galipo

dispute that the death was caused by a drug overdose," he said.

In March 2025, Galipo secured a \$30.5 million verdict for representing the children of Mickel Lewis Sr., who was shot and killed by Kern County Sheriff's deputies in October 2020 after a traffic stop. The deputy fired seven shots without giving a verbal warning, though Lewis' hands were visibly empty. While defendants argued Lewis reached under his vehicle seat for a gun, threatened to kill the deputy and concealed his right hand behind his back, witness testimony and physical and forensic evidence contradicted the deputy's account. *Mickel Lewis, et al. v. County of Kern*, 21-cv-00378 (E.D. Cal., filed March 9, 2021).

Parris

alternate juror about how appreciative she was of my closing argument."

Parris had stressed that the accident and the resulting injuries to his client had damaged the relationship between him and his father, who was forced into the difficult role of caregiver.

"My argument was that he didn't want to be a caregiver, he wanted to be a father to his son," Parris said. "The alternate juror was in a similar situation, and my argument resonated with her."

Johnson

unsecured dozens of times before the assault.

Looking ahead, Johnson observes both opportunities and concerns in the profession's evolution. While artificial intelligence "will most definitely help streamline some of the more tedious aspects of litigation," Johnson warns it cannot "replicate the independent analysis and decision-making required of a competent attorney."

More troubling is what Johnson sees as lawyers "treatment of the law as solely a business and not a profession." In response, Johnson has devoted significant energy to leadership roles with the Consumer Attorneys of California, American Association for Justice, Western Trial Lawyers Association, and Orange County Bar Association.

"These organizations reflect the highest values of our profession," Johnson says, "and I believe it's our responsibility to uphold them."

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distress damages suffered by our client, who had to flee the fire by jumping from a second-story window. The jury returned excellent verdicts for the other tenants as well."

The case required nearly nine years, three trials and an appeal before the California Supreme Court recently denied writ.

"Across all of them, the biggest constant obstacle was the same: staying patient and believing in the case when the odds, and sometimes the law, seemed stacked against us," Johnston said of his recent matters.

Johnston maintains strong views on legal advertising. "I worry a lot about lawyer advertising," he said. "The billboards are demeaning and unbecoming." He wishes he could rent billboards directing potential clients to the Los Angeles County Bar Association Referral Service instead.

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Angeles, BC577267 (L.A. Super. Ct., filed Apr. 17, 2019).

"These legacy matters keep me busy," he said. "It's the cause, not the case, these days."

Karnikian

Business. A professor teaching a creativity class scheduled a lesson at a trapeze venue on the Santa Monica Pier so students could "find their edge" and "overcome their fears." Karnikian's client seriously injured her leg doing a back flip.

"It was a tragic, life-altering injury, and she might lose the leg," Karnikian said. *Johnson v. University of Southern California, et al.*, 23STCV24775 (L.A. Super. Ct., filed Oct. 10, 2023).

"It's great to be a manager and to help run this firm," Karnikian said, "but I never want to lose sight of being a trial lawyer."

Nguyen

"That was exceptionally rewarding because I really liked the client. He's a good family man and a hard worker, and his reputation was very important to him. He was hugely relieved to be vindicated by a jury."

Ravipudi

Fuller Singh LLP," Ravipudi said.

In March 2025, Ravipudi and his team settled for \$15 million the negligence case of a middle school student who was severely injured and psychologically traumatized when struck by a car in her school's parking lot after a supervisor left her post. *Balos et al. v. Los Alamitos Unified School Dist. et al.*, 30-2022-01265824-CU-PO-CJC (O. Co. Super. Ct., filed Jun. 23, 2022).

"The school tried to deflect its