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JUNE D. COLEMAN

June Coleman is a litigator with more than 20 years of experience representing clients in complex civil cases before state and federal courts throughout California. She has recently joined Carlson & Messer to provide a presence in Northern California. She is also a seasoned appellate attorney in both California Courts of Appeal and in the United States Court of Appeal for the Ninth Circuit and has authored amicus briefs for the US Supreme Court. Ms. Coleman effectively and thoroughly litigates cases in a cost effective manner to obtain the best result for clients.

Ms. Coleman represents the financial services industry in individual and class actions involving the FDCPA, the FCRA, the TCPA, and state laws. Ms. Coleman is recognized as one of the most powerful women in collections and one of the top defense attorneys in the financial services arena. Additionally, Ms. Coleman has extensive experience handling other types of litigation, including professional malpractice claims, and represents attorneys before the California State Bar. Ms. Coleman is recognized as an expert in attorney fee matters and arbitrates fee matters.

For 10 years, Ms. Coleman has been voted by her peers for inclusion on the Northern California Super Lawyers list; the "Best of the Bar" list by the Sacramento Business Journal and the "Top of the Bar" list by Sacramento Magazine. Ms. Coleman is a Martindale Hubbell AV Preeminent rated attorney.



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Ingebritsen v. City of San Carlos – A \$6,000,000 Dangerous Condition Victory

This was a survival and wrongful death action brought by Sarah Ingebritsen, her daughter, Eden Ricci and son, Charles ("Charlie") Ricci for the loss of their husband and father, Christopher ("Chris") Ricci, age 53, on April 23, 2016, and for personal injuries to Sarah and Charlie. Causes of action were for dangerous condition of public property, negligence and negligent infliction of emotional distress. Chris was struck and injured by a vehicle driven by Randall Rubingh while walking westbound along the north side of San Carlos Avenue in San Carlos, California. Rubingh was driving under the influence of alcohol at the time. The City was represented by Gregg A. Thornton of Selman Breitman LLP and Rubingh was represented by Timonty W. Workman of Case & Fedor.

Chris subsequently died as a result of his injuries. Sarah was walking with Chris at the time and suffered significant emotional distress. Charlie had just seen his parents walking behind him, and heard the accident from inside their home just yards away. Sarah and Chris had been at a neighbor's house, just a block and a half away from their home. Charlie had been playing basketball with his friends at a neighborhood school.



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Thomas C. Knowles, who has been practicing in California for more than 40 years and is rated AV Preeminent by Martindale Hubbell, specializes in product liability, construction site accident, and trucking accident cases. His experience as a former defense lawyer representing an auto manufacturer has provided the knowledge to effectively represent injured persons against manufacturers in product liability cases.

Michael Gatto is an experienced trial attorney specializing in catastrophic injury cases with complex medical issues. He has tried over 200 cases and recently achieved one of the largest medical malpractice awards in Contra Costa County. He has been selected by Best Lawyers as the 2018 Personal Injury Litigation-Plaintiffs "Lawyer of the Year" in Oakland, California.

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Jack S. Johal has over 36 years of experience in the areas of tax (income, estate, gift, charitable, and property tax), estate planning, probate, trust administration and trust litigation. He has extensive experience in business transactions and organizations and real estate. His estate planning practice includes the preparation of wills, trusts, family limited partnerships/LLCs, planned gifting, powers of attorney, medical directives, and probate and post-mortem planning. He formulates comprehensive strategies to address tax aspects, asset protection, and business succession. Mr. Johal received his undergraduate degree in English and Economics from Occidental College, his law degree from Duquesne University School of Law, and his Masters of Law in Taxation from New York University.

Jack is AV Peer Review Rated Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell and has a rating of 10.0 out of 10.0 by AVVO, a rating service for lawyers. He has been a five-year recipient (2010-2014) of Sacramento Magazine's Five Star Wealth Management Award and ranked as a Top Business/Corporate Lawyer by Sacramento Magazine for two years (2015-2016). He is a regular speaker and author on topics of tax, estate planning, and business entities. He was a member of the California State Bar Partnership Committee and was involved in the drafting of California's Limited Liability Company Act, General Partnership Act, and Limited Partnership Act. Johal was selected as one of Northern California's Top Rated Lawyers for 2018. Johal was also accepted by The Lawyers of Distinction, which recognizes an attorney within the top 10% of attorneys in their respective field in the United States.



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MICHAEL P. MALLERY

Michael P. Mallery is a distinguished civil litigator based in Fresno, California. In more than 30 years of practice, Mr. Mallery has developed a breadth of legal expertise. He is best known for his laudable achievements in labor and business law over the past 10 years as General Counsel for Gerawan Farming, Inc.

In his first 24 years of litigation, Mallery defended catastrophic personal injury matters and medical malpractice actions for Fresno hospitals. He also taught civil litigation and remedies as an Adjunct Professor, and served as a Judge Pro-Tem for the Fresno County Superior Court in Juvenile Court.

In his practice with Gerawan Farming, the nation's largest growers of peaches, plums and nectarines, Mallery works to protect Gerawan workers' rights. Balancing optimism with pragmatism, he understands the hurdles involved in the complex pursuit of labor equality. Gerawan Farming is renowned throughout the agriculture industry for its high-quality treatment of its employees.

Michael and his wife of 39 years, Rebeca, reside in Clovis, California. They have three sons, Michael, Neil, and Mark, and two grandsons, Rowan Michael and Callan Manuel.

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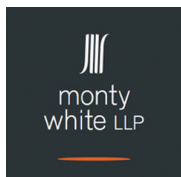


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He works with highly experienced forensic experts in the fields of accident reconstruction, economic evaluation, mechanical engineering, medical care and physical rehabilitation to prepare and prove cases on behalf of his clients who are victims of tractor-trailer collisions, construction accidents, automobile accidents, or defective machinery and industrial equipment.

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Brooke successfully prosecuted the Dykes on Bikes' trademark registration to the U.S. Supreme Court twice. Her copyright and trademark litigation in District Courts and 9th and Federal Circuits informs her transactional work. She is a foremost expert on the Visual Artists' Rights Act, murals, and public art law.



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Aversatile, highly experienced, complex case trial lawyer, John O'Connor has for over 25 years devoted a significant portion of his practice to attorneys and attorney fee disputes, both as an expert witness and as a litigator. From years of evaluating, assessing, and litigating fees, O'Connor brings a depth of expertise and context as an expert witness that only an experienced litigator can offer in fee disputes.

O'Connor has tried a wide variety of cases in federal, state and arbitration courts throughout the country, including not only professional liability, attorney fee, and law firm buy-out cases, but also patent, anti-trust, civil RICO, ADA/disability discrimination, civil rights, employment, insurance coverage and bad faith, construction, product liability, toxic tort, defamation, fraud and contract, real estate, white collar criminal, and sports management, among others. This experience allows him to distinguish between efficiency and inefficiency in litigation management.

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