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A versatile, 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.

He has frequently associated with other firms to provide trial and deposition assistance, either on behalf of a separate co-party or as co-counsel, and often serves as local counsel. O’Connor and Associates prides itself on being cooperative, responsive, and efficient.

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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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