

# 2012 Year in Review California Case Law Update

April 16, 2013  
Walt Disney Concert Hall

## MURCHISON & CUMMING LLP

### Agenda

**8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.**  
**Breakfast & Registration**

**8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**  
**Welcome** – *Jean M. Lawler, Managing Partner*

**9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**  
**First Session**

Civil Procedure – *Edmund (Chip) G. Farrell, III*  
Employment – *William (Bill) D. Naeve*  
Health Law/Professional Liability – *Dan L. Longo*  
Sargon v. USC; The Changing Playing Field of Expert Witness Testimony – *Scott L. Hengesbach*

**10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**  
**Break**

**10:30 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.**  
**Second Session**

General Liability – *Guy R. Gruppie*  
Construction Defect – *Jean A. Dalmore*  
Insurance Coverage/Bad Faith – *Bryan M. Weiss*

**11:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Q&A**

**12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.**  
**Luncheon**



**12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**  
Some of the Biggest Changes in the History of the LA Superior Court-- Addressing the Full Impact of the Budget Cuts  
**Judge Lee Smalley Edmon**

### Registration

There is no charge to attend this program. However, space is limited and advance reservations are required. Please email [amilian@murchisonlaw.com](mailto:amilian@murchisonlaw.com) no later than April 9, 2013 to register. You may also click this invitation to be directed to the registration form on the firm's website.

**Registration includes:** 3-Hour Education Program & Materials; Continuing Education Credit; Continental Breakfast & Luncheon; Complimentary Valet Parking.

**Location:** Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90012, 323.850.2000.

**General information:** For further information or questions, please contact **Arleen Milian, Director of Client Relations**, at 213.630.1071 or [amilian@murchisonlaw.com](mailto:amilian@murchisonlaw.com). CA DOI CE's – Application Pending.

### Presenters



**Jean A. Dalmore** Co-Chairs the firm's Construction Law practice group, representing developers, general contractors, sub-contractors and material suppliers in all fields of construction. Ms. Dalmore is a Past Vice-Chair of the Defense Research Institute's (DRI) Construction Defect Committee and she is a member of the Associated General Contractors of California.



**Guy R. Gruppie**, Chair of the firm's Vertical Transportation practice group and Co-Chair of its Emerging Risks & Specialty Tort Litigation practice group, represents a diverse group of international, national and local businesses and individuals. Mr. Gruppie is a former Chair of the Trial Tactics Section of the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC) and has been recognized as a Southern California Super Lawyer® for defense of personal injury actions.



**Dan L. Longo**, Partner-In-Charge of the Orange County office and Co-Chair of the firm's Health Law and Professional Liability practice groups, defends medical, legal and insurance professionals in malpractice actions and defending care facilities for the elderly against lawsuits alleging negligence and statutory liability. Mr. Longo is a member of the DRI and International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC).



**Bryan M. Weiss**, Co-Chair of the firm's Insurance Law practice group, provides insurers with coverage advice and represents insurers in bad faith and insurance litigation, at trial and on appeal. Mr. Weiss is Vice-Chair of the IADC Bad Faith Subcommittee and Co-Editor of the Defense Research Institute's Insurance Law Committee Newsletter.



**Edmund (Chip) G. Farrell, III** Chairs the firm's Appellate Law practice group and Co-Chairs the Professional Liability practice group, defending legal, real estate and broker/agent malpractice litigation. A certified appellate specialist, Mr. Farrell has handled more than 200 appeals and writ petitions. He regularly handles matters for the London market.



**Scott L. Hengesbach**, Chair of the firm's Toxic Tort & Environmental Law practice group, specializes in toxic tort and environmental litigation including litigation involving soil and groundwater contamination, benzene, hard metals, silica, welding rods, mold and asbestos. Mr. Hengesbach is a member of the DRI and has been recognized as a Southern California Super Lawyer.



**William (Bill) D. Naeve** Co-Chairs the firm's Management Protection, Directors & Officers, Employment Law and Class Action & Consumer Litigation practice groups, specializing in employment and first and third party bad faith, employment termination and discrimination, ERISA, and wage & hour claims and litigation. Mr. Naeve is a member of the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel.

### About Murchison & Cumming, LLP

Murchison & Cumming, LLP is an AV-rated law firm with offices in California and Nevada, specializing in the defense of domestic and international businesses, insurers, professionals and individuals in civil litigation, at trial and on appeal. Our attorneys also handle employment matters and business transactions; provide risk management advice, preventive counseling and transactional support to clients in an array of industries; and serve as mediators and arbitrators for many types of disputes.

We are large enough to provide clients with the resources of a large firm while ensuring the level of personalized service one would expect to receive from a small firm, including being able to respond quickly to client emergencies, cutting edge legal issues and developments in the law. We are known and respected trial attorneys and have an appellate record that includes precedent-setting decisions. We are uncompromising in our dedication to client service and to achieving the best results for our clients - and believe that client satisfaction is the only measure of our success.