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Jonathan Weiss is Counsel at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP and a member of the Firm's Litigation Department, resident in its Los Angeles office. He represents clients in a wide range of high-stakes litigation, including securities litigation, class action defense, antitrust litigation, and complex commercial litigation. He has extensive trial experience, having participated in multiple jury trials to verdict, as well as significant appellate experience briefing and arguing appeals in state and federal courts in several jurisdictions. He has taught CLE courses on Ninth Circuit appellate advocacy throughout Southern California and has lectured at Harvard Law School, the University of Illinois, and the University of Pittsburgh, among other places. Mr. Weiss also maintains an active *pro bono* practice and has been honored by the Firm for his *pro bono* contributions. In 2013, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti appointed Mr. Weiss as a Commissioner to the Los Angeles Civil Service Commission, responsible for establishing and enforcing the civil service rules and maintaining the civil service system for the City of Los Angeles. Mr. Weiss has been recognized as a Southern California "Rising Star" by the *Law & Politics* and *Los Angeles* magazines every year since 2011.

Mr. Weiss's representative experience includes:

- Trial counsel for a plaintiff real estate developer in a lawsuit against the master developer of one of the largest master planned communities in Arizona. Following a six-week jury trial in Maricopa County Superior Court, a unanimous jury found for Mr. Weiss's client on all claims, awarding damages of over \$110 million—one of the largest damage awards ever in Arizona.
- Trial counsel for plaintiff, a member of the Jordanian Royal family, in a dispute with former partners over profits from Iraqi war U.S. Department of Defense military procurement contracts. Following a three-week jury trial in Palm Beach Florida Circuit Court, an eight-member jury awarded Mr. Weiss's client \$28.8 million, finding for the plaintiff on all six counts under Florida and Jordanian law. A unanimous panel of the Florida 4th District Court of Appeal later affirmed the jury verdict and granted plaintiff's cross-appeal for pre-judgment interest, increasing the judgment to more than \$40 million.
- Conducted the oral argument in a billion dollar appeal in the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division on behalf of a Canadian oil company. The oral argument was the subject of a Law360 article.
- Counsel for LG Display in a billion dollar antitrust lawsuit filed by Sony in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.
- Trial and appellate counsel for major insurance company against its reinsurers in a \$500 million precedent setting case before the New York Court of Appeals involving the "follow the fortunes" doctrine in reinsurance.
- Counsel for former officers of Washington Mutual in shareholder and FDIC litigation in various federal lawsuits.

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- Obtained dismissal of his client at the class certification stage from an ongoing class action alleging fraud, racketeering and breach of contract in relation to thousands of foreclosures in the State of Ohio over a five-year period after taking the depositions of all putative class representatives and successfully briefing the opposition to class certification.

Mr. Weiss received his J.D., *cum laude*, from Harvard Law School in 2004, where he was the Managing Editor of the *Harvard Journal of Law and Technology* and a research assistant for Professor Laurence Tribe, his PhD in Philosophy from the University of Pittsburgh in 2001, and his B.A. with highest distinction in 1993 from the University of California at Berkeley, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He completed a clerkship with the Honorable Dorothy W. Nelson in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in 2005. Mr. Weiss is fluent in French, conversant in Norwegian, and proficient in Spanish, having studied and worked abroad.