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PRACTICE OVERVIEW:

Justo is a trial lawyer with a successful track record helping individuals and corporations resolve business and commercial disputes in state and federal courts. Justo has experience in class action litigation, competition and consumer protection law, employment disputes, intellectual property disputes and agricultural law both at the trial and appellate levels of practice. Justo also counsels companies on reducing the risk of litigation.

PRACTICE AREAS:

Litigation

Class Actions

Intellectual Property

Agricultural Law

EDUCATION:

Stanford Law School, J.D. (2002)

California State University at Long Beach, B.A. in History, with honors (1996)

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE:

Washington (2007)

California (2003)

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington (2007)

U.S. District Courts for the Central (2003) and Northern (2003) Districts of California

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

REPRESENTATIVE WORK:

Represent telecommunications companies in ongoing consumer class action lawsuits in state and federal courts, through appeals and settlements.

Obtained arbitration award in favor of a wireless service provider in a consumer dispute involving claims of unfair competition and false and misleading advertising.

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Represent a software company in ongoing copyright enforcement actions in federal courts.

Protected a Fortune 50 client's interests under a proposed plan of merger. Plaintiffs in the class action lawsuits challenging the merger eventually withdrew their challenge to the shareholder vote and released their claims.

Counseled an Internet start-up company on strategies for limiting its liability exposure under the federal Computer Fraud and Abuse Act and numerous state computer privacy laws.

Obtained dismissal of all claims involving copyright infringement against a multi-media entertainment corporation.

Obtained advantageous settlement in favor of employee in contentious litigation involving claims for declaratory relief, breach of employment contract and wrongful withholding of wages due.

Counseled national retailers on federal and state advertising regulations.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Member, Washington State Bar Association Court Rules and Procedures Committee

Member, Washington State Bar Association Business Law Section

Associate Editor, Washington State Bar Association Business Law Section Newsletter

Board of Governors, CityClub, a civic organization committed to contributing solutions to the issues vital to the Puget Sound region

Member of the Sedona Conference Working Group on Electronic Document Retention and Production

Former President, City of Los Angeles Environmental Affairs Commission

RECENT PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

Five Essential Issues to Consider in Determining Whether and How to Conduct an Internal Investigation, WASHINGTON STATE BAR BUSINESS LAW SECTION, Vol. 30, No. 2 (Summer 2008)

Presentation: "Preparing for and Managing Electronic Discovery" (2008)

Presentation: "Recent Developments to the Washington State Rules of Professional Conduct" (2007)

BACKGROUND & INTERESTS:

Justo was associated with the Seattle offices of Heller Ehrman LLP, where he was a member of the Complex Commercial Litigation and Antitrust and Trade Regulation practice groups from 2006 through 2008. Justo was also a litigator in the Trial Practice Group in the Los Angeles offices of Jones Day from 2002 through 2006. Prior to law school, Justo was a speechwriter, policy analyst and community relations aide to the City Attorney of Los Angeles, the Honorable James K. Hahn, and later served as a consultant to Mr. Hahn's successful 2001 mayoral bid.

Justo speaks conversational Spanish and Italian.