

ABOUT THE FIRM

OVERVIEW

Bird, Marella, Boxer, Wolpert, Nessim, Drooks, Lincenberg & Rhow, P.C. engages solely in the practice of complex civil and white collar criminal litigation. A litigation boutique by design, we are trial lawyers who defend national and multinational corporations, government agencies, closely held companies, partnerships, and individuals. We represent plaintiffs on a selective basis.

The firm has been recognized in California and nationally by its peers, clients, and legal publications and has received numerous awards, notices of distinction, and accolades.

NATIONWIDE TRIAL AND LITIGATION COUNSEL

From our base in Los Angeles, we represent clients nationwide with global business interests, including numerous Pacific Rim matters. Bird Marella attorneys litigate and try cases at every level, up to and including the Supreme Court of the United States. Our clients' cases are often complex, span diverse subject areas, and frequently involve multiple forums and parallel civil and criminal actions.

The common theme in our cases is not the underlying legal issues but the sophistication of the challenge and the need for innovative and insightful representation.

CIVIL AND WHITE COLLAR CRIMINAL TRIAL AND LITIGATION EXCELLENCE

Since the firm's founding by two former Assistant United States Attorneys in 1981, we have handled some of the most important litigation in the western United States. Our attorneys' collective experience spans virtually every contentious commercial issue to arise in the past 40 years, from antitrust, insider trading, RICO and environmental claims to consumer class actions, entertainment royalty disputes and Internet commerce litigation. When our matters and clients attract media interest, we manage that attention discreetly and effectively.

The firm's criminal defense practice, which has obtained a nationwide reputation for excellence, is restricted to economic and business crimes.

We are also especially gratified that other lawyers retain us for their own representation in disputes involving partnership rights, dissolution, fee allocation and malpractice claims.

CLIENT INDUSTRIES AND MATTERS

Bird Marella clients are prominent in a wide range of industries and public and private enterprises. Clients range from Fortune 500 technology leaders, Wall Street executives and health care providers to global retailers, entertainment companies and Internet start-ups. We also represent individuals, including entrepreneurs, health care professionals, prominent members of the financial community, media and sports figures, and international investors and investment advisors.

The matters for which our clients retain us range from traditional, high-demand contract breaches to cutting-edge intellectual property disputes, appeals, shareholder class actions, and claims of fraud and regulatory violations, as well as all types of criminal or regulatory investigations and prosecutions.

Although our cases frequently involve complex issues and high exposure, we are equally skilled in providing cost-effective counsel in relatively small matters. Clients can expect that the attorneys whom they retain are the actual attorneys who will try their cases.

CULTURE

Our culture is multigenerational, collegial, unrelenting in expectations of excellence, and deeply committed to the profession of law.

Bird Marella's pro bono achievements are extensive, and include cases before the Supreme Court of the United States. One of our Principals is the former President & CEO of Public Counsel, the nation's largest pro bono law firm.

Bird Marella lawyers, many of whom are former judicial clerks and former Assistant United States Attorneys, combine extensive trial experience with proven technical ability. This balance informs our handling of cases from inception through discovery, trial, and, if necessary, appeal. We excel at presenting complicated fact patterns and complex business transactions in understandable and persuasive ways to judges, juries, and arbitrators.

REPUTATION

We are proud of the seamless connection between our internal culture and outside reputation. Chambers and Partners has ranked the firm in its highest band for "Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations", calling us "top-flight lawyers" who are "as good as it gets."

The firm has also been recognized as one of the nation's top ten litigation boutiques in National Law Journal's "Litigation Boutique Hot List" and by LexisNexis® Martindale-Hubbell® as a "Top Ranked Law Firm". Other accolades include the Daily Journal's "Top Verdicts"; Daily Journal's "Top Defense Results"; the National Asian Pacific American Bar's Law Firm Diversity Award; and the American Civil Liberties Union's Pro Bono Award. Our attorneys have repeatedly received individual recognition from The Best Lawyers in America®, Super Lawyers, and Martindale-Hubbell.



The firm's ratings as preeminent lawyers by leading legal publications are matched by our prominence as leaders in national and local Bar organizations, as well as our selection to federal and state Bench-Bar committees. Many Bird Marella attorneys are members of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

The firm's professional renown helps us achieve our clients' goals in the courtroom and facilitates prompt, just, and favorable pretrial settlements without the expense of a trial.

Ultimately, the results we obtain for our clients are the source of our firm's reputation. While Bird Marella has had its share of headline-grabbing cases, many of our victories are achieved by under-the-radar resolutions because that is how our clients want it.