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Julian Pardo de Zela is an Associate in the firm's San Jose office. He handles civil litigation, focusing on premises liability, products liability, commercial torts, and catastrophic injury claims.

Julian Pardo de Zela received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and International Relations from Tufts University in 1999. He was awarded a Master's degree in International Political Economy from Fordham University in 2002, and received his law degree from The George Washington University Law School in 2006. While in law school, Mr. Pardo de Zela clerked for the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, and the National Science Foundation.

Immediately after law school, Mr. Pardo de Zela clerked for the Honorable Michael D. Mason of the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Maryland.

Julian Pardo de Zela is a Member of the California State Bar, the New York State Bar and the U.S. Virgin Islands Bar. He is licensed to practice in all of the California state courts; the U.S. District Court for the Northern, Eastern, Central, and Southern Districts; the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; all the New York state courts.

Practice Areas

- ▣ Catastrophic/Personal Injury
- ▣ Construction
- ▣ Premises Liability
- ▣ Product Liability
- ▣ Professional Liability

Education

- ▣ Tufts University , 1999 B.A.
- ▣ Fordham University, 2003 M.A.
- ▣ George Washington University Law School, 2006 J.D.

Court Admissions

- ▣ California
- ▣ New York

- US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- US Virgin Islands
- USDC: Central District of California
- USDC: Eastern District of California
- USDC: Northern District of California
- USDC: Southern District of California

Memberships & Associations

- New York State Bar Association
- State Bar of California
- US Virgin islands Bar Association

Representative Experience

Practice Area: Appellate, Professional Liability

Key Issues: Legal Malpractice; Breach of Fiduciary Duty

Venue: California Court of Appeals

Client Type: Law Firm, Defendant

Represented attorney sued for legal malpractice and breach of fiduciary duty.

Result:

Successfully brought special motion to strike, thereby disposing of four other causes of action.

Practice Area: Appellate, Professional Liability

Key Issues: Malicious Prosecution; Legal Malpractice

Venue: California Court of Appeals

Client Type: Law Firm, Defendant

Represented attorney sued for malicious prosecution.

Result:

Successfully appealed court's order denying the Firm's special motion to strike, pursuant to C.C.P. section 42516.

Practice Area: Appellate, Professional Liability

Key Issues: Malicious Prosecution; Legal Malpractice

Venue: California Court of Appeals

Client Type: Law Firm, Defendant

In case alleging fraud and breach of contract in property sale, successfully appealed order denying purchaser and law firm's special motion to strike complaint for malicious prosecution.

Result:

Successfully appealed trial court's denial of Defendant's law firm and property purchaser's special motion to strike entire complaint. Attorney's fees of \$30K+ awarded to clients.

Practice Area: Appellate

Key Issues: HIV; Denial of Transplant

Venue: Administrative Hearing

Client Type: HIV Claimant

Represented HIV Medi-Cal claimant in successful appeal of Medi-Cal's denial of lung transplant due to claimant's HIV status.

Result:

Denial of claim was reversed by Administrative Law Judge, who ordered Medi-Cal to provide lung transplant.

Practice Area: Employment, Entertainment

Key Issues: Validity of Employment Contract

Venue: Arbitration

Client Type: LLC

Represented Limited Liability Corporation in an arbitration to determine the scope and validity of employment contracts involving a critically acclaimed motion picture.

Result:

Arbitrator awarded LLC with rights to copyrighted film.

Practice Area: Construction

Key Issues: Personal Injury; General Contractor's Affirmative Conduct

Venue: San Francisco County Superior Court

Client Type: General Contractor, Defendant

Defended general contractor in a personal injury action whereby plaintiff employee of subcontractor alleged that injuries sustained were due to general contractor's affirmative conduct.

Result:

Successfully obtained complete summary judgment on behalf of general contractor. Court also awarded recovery of taxable costs to defendant to be paid by plaintiff.