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Overview

In his career, Connor Dopeso has distinctive experience as both a civil litigator and criminal prosecutor at the state level. He has tried a number of criminal cases to verdict and successfully defended clients in various civil litigation matters.

Before joining Benesch, Connor was an associate for an Am Law 100 firm working in the General Liability litigation practice group. While there, he gained extensive experience representing clients from individuals and small businesses to Fortune 500 companies. Connor handled a wide range of cases including professional liability, real estate, commercial litigation, construction defect, and products liability from the pre-litigation stage to resolution or trial. In this role, Connor worked to obtain consistently favorable results for his clients.

Prior to entering the private sector, Connor served as a Deputy District Attorney with the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office, where he garnered extensive courtroom experience. His responsibilities ranged from conducting evidentiary hearings and arguing motions, to preparing witnesses and experts for testimony and leading jury trials to verdict in state court. Beyond his courtroom prowess, Connor demonstrated proficiency in extensive and complex legal research, as well as skillful motion drafting.

Representative Matters

- Persuaded two different courts that California Civil Code section 1670.8 (the "Yelp Law") does not provide a private right of action where the allegedly unlawful terms were not threatened to be enforced against the plaintiff, in a case where plaintiffs were seeking $2,500-$5,000 per website visitor. Representing both clients on appeal.

- Filed an amicus brief before the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts on behalf of the National Retail Federation and the Retailers Association of Massachusetts to provide the Court with insight into the foundational importance of web analytics and advertising technologies to the modern digital economy, and the implications of this case for retailers. The Court ultimately found for Defendants in the case, a great result for our clients, and the majority opinion notably cited our brief in discussing the ubiquity of web analytics and advertising technology on the Internet, and the role these technologies play in the ecommerce ecosystem.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, 2021, J.D.
- Loyola Marymount University, 2017, B.A.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- California

Awards & Recognition

- The Roger Traynor Honor Society at University of Pacific, McGeorge School of Law

News & Insights

- Benesch Welcomes Associate to Litigation Group in San Francisco
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