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Education

Duke University (B.A. 1988)
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University of California, Los Angeles School of Law (J.D. 1992)

Admissions

California

Representative Cases

Yes on 25, Citizens for an On-Time Budget v. Superior Court, 189 Cal. App. 4th 1445 (2010).

Represented the ballot measure committee in defense of title and summary for majority vote budget measure.

Riverside County Democratic Central Committee v. Dunmore, Riverside County Superior Court, Case No. RIC 10012986 (2010).

Successfully challenged Registrar's refusal to count 12,000 ballots that had been mailed before Election Day but had not arrived due to a miscommunication between the Registrar and the U.S. Postal Service.

California Association of Retail Tobacconists v. State, 109 Cal. App. 4th 792 (2003).

Represented proponents of Proposition 10 as interveners in successful defense of the constitutionality of Proposition 10.

California ProLife Council Political Action Committee v. Scully, 164 F.3d 1189 (9th Cir. 1999).

Successfully challenged Proposition 208, a campaign finance initiative.

James C. Harrison joined Remcho, Johansen & Purcell, LLP in 1997 and became a partner in 2001. He was admitted to the California Bar in 1992. He is a graduate of Duke University (B.A., *cum laude*, 1988) and the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law (J.D., 1992). Prior to joining Remcho, Johansen & Purcell, LLP, Mr. Harrison was a litigation associate at Morrison & Foerster for four years.

Since joining the firm in 1997, Mr. Harrison has represented a variety of clients in public policy and constitutional litigation. Mr. Harrison has represented the proponents and opponents of ballot measures in pre- and post-election challenges, including the successful defense of Proposition 71 (*California Family Bioethics Council v. California Institute for Regenerative Medicine* (2007) 147 Cal.App.4th 1319) and Proposition 10 (*California Assoc. of Retail Tobacconists v. State* (2003) 109 Cal.App.4th 792) and successful challenges to Proposition 213 (*Horwich v. Superior Court* (1999) 21 Cal.4th 272) and Proposition 208 (*California Prolife Council Political Action Committee v. Scully* (9th Cir. 1999) 164 F.3d 1189). Mr. Harrison also represented the California Legislature in litigation involving the 2000 Census and redistricting and has represented the State Controller in actions relating to the authority of retirement boards and the Unclaimed Property Law. Mr. Harrison's appellate experience includes arguments in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the California Supreme Court, and California courts of appeal.

Mr. Harrison has represented numerous state, local and federal candidates in connection with election law, campaign finance, and enforcement matters. Mr. Harrison also advises public and private clients regarding compliance with the California Political Reform Act and public meeting and public record laws. Mr. Harrison has represented numerous public officials and public agencies in conflict of interest matters, including the Department of Water Resources, the California Children & Families Commission, Monterey County,

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Stanislaus County, and the Alameda Unified School District. In addition, Mr. Harrison has conducted ethics training seminars for the Governor's Office, the Assembly, and other state and local agencies, and he advises clients regarding professional ethics.

Mr. Harrison has been involved in drafting numerous ballot measures, including Proposition 10, Proposition 26, Proposition 71, Proposition 82, Proposition 87, and Proposition 93. Mr. Harrison has also represented numerous ballot measure committees in state and local ballot measure campaigns in California.

Mr. Harrison serves as General Counsel to the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, the stem cell agency which was established by Proposition 71. Mr. Harrison has advised the agency since its inception and has served as General Counsel since 2014.