

CLASS ACTIONS LAWYER OF THE YEAR

DREW POMERANCE

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ABOUT DREW POMERANCE



Drew Pomerance is co-managing partner of Roxborough, Pomerance, Nye & Adreani, LLP. He has dedicated his practice to representing the business community in all aspects of insurance coverage and bad faith disputes, labor and employment issues, and other complex business litigation.

A business trial and appellate lawyer since 1982, he is one of the most experienced class action attorneys in the country, having represented a number of different classes of employers against property and casualty insurance carriers for bad faith practices impacting hundreds of millions of dollars in premiums. He is among a select group of lawyers to handle a class action lawsuit from the beginning, through trial, and ultimately on appeal.

Most recently, he argued before the California Supreme Court to reverse a Court of Appeal decision and won, resulting in a \$110 million settlement for a class of 15,000 security guards. This precedent-setting Supreme Court decision, one of the largest wage and hour class action cases in California history, earned Pomerance recognition by *Los Angeles* and *San Francisco Daily Journals* as one of the top labor & employment lawyers in California.

Based on his accomplishments and professional integrity, Pomerance was asked to join the Fellowship of the Litigation Counsel of America (LCA), an invitation-only trial lawyer honorary society representing less than one-half of one percent of all American lawyers. He is also a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), one of the most exclusive and prestigious trial lawyer organizations in the country.

His contributions to legislation and policy, leadership and representation earned him the honor of "Most Influential People in California Workers' Compensation" by *Workers' Comp Executive*. Other awards and recognition include one of the "Top 25 Lawyers in the San Fernando Valley" by *San Fernando Valley Business Journal* and "Southern California's Top Rated Lawyers" by *American Lawyer Media*.

Most notable cases include:

- Argued and won a precedent-setting Supreme Court decision in the landmark class action case of *Augustus v. ABM Security Services*, which settled for \$110 million, making it one of the largest wage and hour class actions in California history.
- Trial court judgment of \$9.1 million against a TPA who negligently mishandled a workers' compensation case that caused substantial damages to the employer and excess carrier.
- Landmark insurance bad faith decision resulting in a \$20 million jury verdict against California's largest workers' compensation insurance carrier.
- Obtained eight reported appellate court decisions concerning employers' rights in the workers' compensation premium and collateral dispute arena.
- Won a binding \$4 million arbitration award on behalf Children's Hospital Los Angeles against its insurer, a decision that is expected to impact how the industry handles multi-year policies for professional liability insurance.

FIRM PROFILE

Roxborough, Pomerance, Nye & Adreani, LLP (RPNA) is a Los Angeles based law firm providing expert legal counsel and representation to the California business community. Established in 1996, RPNA carved the way to protect employers' rights and help shape California law. The firm made its mark by winning bad faith cases against the largest workers' comp carriers in the industry. Today, RPNA represents businesses every step of the way in such diverse areas as employment law, wage and hour, bad faith, insurance coverage and unfair trade practices.

RPNA has forged a solid reputation as preeminent trial lawyers by successfully representing companies involved in complex lawsuits and prosecuting complex class actions on behalf of both employers and consumers throughout the trial and appellate phases. The firm maintains an impressive history of wins exceeding more than 20 published appellate decisions, a record rivaling any major law firm in the state.

RPNA is also known as difference makers in California's legislation and policymaking, helping clients navigate legal and regulatory complexities with solutions that are creative, practical and proactive.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Complex Insurance
- Complex Business Litigation
- Labor & Employment
- Business Transactions



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