



Katharine L. Spaniac

PROFILE

- Licensed attorney in private practice since 1983
- Trials have covered a wide range of personal injury issues including construction, contract and indemnity, breach of security, foster family agency liability, premises, alleged toxic mold exposure, habitability and landlord/tenant, and catastrophic injury
- Judge Pro Tempore, San Bernardino Superior Court (1997)

EDUCATION

- Juris Doctor
McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific 1983
Top 15%, Phi Delta Phi
American Jurisprudence Award in Agency
Staff Member/Writer for the Pacific Law Journal
- Bachelor of Arts
Pomona College, Pomona, California - Cum Laude 1979
Major: Political Science
- Post-Graduate
Pepperdine University, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Malibu, California

AFFILIATIONS

- Admitted to the California State Bar
- Admitted to the Supreme Court of California
- Admitted to the United States Court of Appeal, Ninth Circuit
- Admitted to the United States District Court, Central, Eastern and Southern Districts of California
- Member, California Dispute Resolution Council
- Member, Southern California Mediation Association
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, San Bernardino County Bar Association
- Member, Defense Research Institute
- Member, Association of Southern California Defense Counsel
- Member, Temecula Valley Paint Horse Association
- Member, American Paint Horse Association

SIGNIFICANT CASES

Significant Jury Trials:

Tapparo v. Turner Jury Trial
San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. SCV 259419
Case involved plaintiff claiming personal injury consequent to pushing a ventilator across allegedly puckered carpet installed by Ms. Spaniac's construction client. Injuries were catastrophic and included three back surgeries, plus significant residual injury. Defense verdict unanimous, after one half hour of deliberation. - Defense Verdict, 12/0

Espinosa v. Hill Jury Trial
Victorville Superior Court Case No. VCV15097
Wrongful death of two minor children and *Dillon v. Legg* claim of mother plaintiff. Alleged malfunction in a travel trailer's propane-fueled wall heater causing a fire, with the travel trailer owned by Ms. Spaniac's clients. - Defense Verdict, 11/1

Steward v. Herrera Jury Trial
Pomona Superior Court Case No. EAC58185
Represented an off duty LAPD officer accused of assaulting 4 plaintiffs, with the case being shaded by racial overtones. This police liability case was tried to a Los Angeles jury when the Rodney King case was a lead issue in the media. - Defense Verdict, 12/0

Garcia v. Concept 7 Jury Trial
San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. SCVSS 089987
Case involved fracture injuries to 6 month old foster child and included allegations of child abuse. Ms. Spaniac represented the foster family agency that placed the child with the foster parents accused of child abuse, and which was being accused of alleged negligent placement and supervision. - Defense Verdict, 11/1

Davis v. Hollywood a Go Go Jury Trial
Los Angeles Central Superior Court Case No. C576404
Auto injury case involving issues of agency and course and scope. As a result of proof problems with plaintiff's case in chief, a non-suit was granted to Ms. Spaniac's clients. - Nonsuit

Martinez v. Aull Jury Trial
Los Angeles Central Superior Court Case No. C681689
Ms. Spaniac represented an anesthesiologist in an auto v. pedestrian injury case. Plaintiff sustained significant knee and back injuries when hit in a crosswalk by the physician, who was insured by an auto policy with a \$50,000.00 policy limit. Plaintiff was awarded a net recovery of \$34,000.00 by the jury.

Krejcik v. Yucaipa Square Apartments Court Trial
San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. SCVSS 086949
Case involved significant fracture injuries sustained by plaintiff as result of a fall down stairs. Ms. Spaniac represented the defendant property owner who allegedly maintained the dangerous property condition -Defense verdict following 5-day court trial

Fraga v. Super Centers Concepts Jury Trial
Pomona Superior Court Case No. KC 052843
Fall injury involving significant injury, inclusive of lung pulmonary emboli. Ms. Spaniac represented a beverage distributing company who was accused of leaving a foreign substance on the floor which allegedly caused plaintiff's injuries. -Defense Verdict, 11/1

SIGNIFICANT CASES (CONTINUED)

Albert v. Satellite Management
Riverside Superior Court

Jury and Court Trial
Case No. RIC 376035

Auto accident involving a plaintiff who was a practicing attorney, and who alleged significant vision injuries precluding her from driving a vehicle. Case was first tried in 2006, resulting in a 1.8 million dollar award. Verdict was overturned on appeal due to juror misconduct and judicial error. Case retried in 2011, with retrial resulting in a defense verdict. Retrial included use of live video feed technology from key impeachment witness located in Australia.

Significant Court of Appeal Decisions:

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| Jon Lewis v. Columbia Pictures | (4 th App. Dist. 1993) 4 Civil E011948 |
| Davis v. Wagner | (2 nd App. Dist. 1991) 2 Civil B048179 |
| Forsyth v. Jones | (4 th App. Dist. 1997) 57 Cal. App. 4 th 776 |
| Wicker v. Oosten | (4 th App. Dist. 1995) 37 Cal. App. 4 th 331 |
| Galardi v. Seahorse Riding Club | (2 nd App. Dist. 1993) 16 Cal. App. 4 th 817 |
| Cory v. Villa Properties | (2 nd App. Dist. 1986) 180 Cal. App. 3d 592 |
| Garcia v. County of Riverside, et al | (4 th App. Dist. 2010) 186 Cal. App. 4 th 1038 |

WORK HISTORY

- **Shareholder**
ClouseSpaniac Attorneys
Rancho Cucamonga, California
2019-Current
- **Founding Partner**
ClouseSpaniac Attorneys
Rancho Cucamonga, California
2016-2018
- **Partner**
Cihigoyenette, Grossberg & Clouse
Rancho Cucamonga, California
1999-2016
- **Partner**
Hagenbaugh & Murphy
Los Angeles, California
1989-1999
- **Associate**
Hagenbaugh & Murphy
Los Angeles, California
1984-1989