

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

In re:

Arizona THERANOS, INC. Litigation,

**No. 2:16-cv-2138- DGC**

(Consolidated with)

No. 2:16-cv-2373- HRH

No. 2:16-cv-2660- HRH

No. 2:16-cv-2775- DGC

-and-

No. 2:16-cv-3599- DGC

**DECLARATION OF DAVID C.  
WRIGHT**

I, David C. Wright, declare under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. I am an attorney licensed to practice law before all of the courts of the State of California and I am a partner with the law firm of McCune Law Group, APC, (formerly known as McCune Wright Arevalo, LLP), counsel of record for Plaintiffs R.G. and A.R. The following facts are within my personal knowledge or based on records and files at my law firm, and, if called upon as a witness, I could and would testify competently thereto.

**Lodestar**

2. In connection with this litigation, the attorneys at McCune Law Group have spent 888.8 hours on the case to date. This figure was generated after confirming accuracy, necessity, and reasonableness, and eliminating unnecessary or duplicative time. The resulting lodestar calculation and expenses are reasonable and were necessary for the efficient prosecution of the litigation. This information is derived directly from McCune

Law Group's time records, which are prepared contemporaneously and maintained by McCune Law Group in the ordinary course of business.

3. The time that McCune Law Group, APC, have spent on this litigation has been completely contingent on the outcome. McCune Law Group has not been paid for any of the time spent on this litigation. No payment of attorneys' fees would occur in this case but for a fee award in an individual or class settlement.

4. The following is the summary listing of each employee of McCune Wright Arevalo who worked on this matter, the hours each individual worked on the case, and the lodestar based on the timekeepers' current hourly rate:

**MCCUNE LAW GROUP, APC**

<b>TIMEKEEPER</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>HOURLY RATE</b>	<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>
Kenney, Joseph	Associate	\$350.00	<b>35.7</b>
Kier, Lori	Contract-based	\$350.00	<b>39.0</b>
McCune, Richard	Partner	\$950.00	<b>11.8</b>
Peterson, Simi	Associate	\$350.00	<b>578.8</b>
Sauder, Joseph	Partner	\$700.00	<b>148.0</b>
Schelkopf, Matthew	Partner	\$600.00	<b>38.7</b>
Wright, David	Partner	\$900.00	<b>36.8</b>
<b>Totals</b>			<b>888.8</b>

POSITION	RANGE
Project-Based Attorney	\$350
Associate	\$350
Partner	\$600 - \$950

5. This time was broken down by the following categories of necessary work performed in this litigation:

Time Category	Sum of Time Spent (.1hr)	Sum of Fees Total
3 - Research	23.2	\$12,375
4 - Discovery (Draft/Respond/Meet & Confer)	47.8	\$19,995
5 - Discovery (Document Review)	462	\$161,700
6 - Discovery (Depositions)	76.4	\$33,010
7 - Litigation Strategy & Analysis	92.5	\$63,240
8 - Pleadings/Pre-trial Motions/Legal	140.4	\$78,405
9 - Experts/Consultants	3.3	\$2,310
10 - Settlement	41.2	\$27,360
11 - Trial Prep	1.2	\$1,080
13 - Appeal	0.3	\$105
14 - Miscellaneous (Describe)	0.5	\$295
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>888.8</b>	<b>\$399,875</b>

6. McCune Law Group sets its hourly rates according to prevailing market rates and has consistently been awarded fees according to those rates. McCune Law Group exclusively represents clients on a contingent fee basis, both in class and individual cases. However, those rates are the minimum we would charge to accept

employment on an hourly basis. The rates are also consistent with proposed Class Counsel's rates in other representative settlements that have been granted final approval.

7. McCune Law Group's historical lodestar rates for both associates and partners have been approved by courts throughout the United States, including but not limited to in the United States District Court, Southern District of Illinois (*Towner v. 1st MidAmerica Credit Union*, Case No. 3:15-cv-1162 - \$825); United States District Court, Northern District of California (*Ramirez v. Baxter Credit Union*, Cas No. 3:16-cv-03765 - \$825); United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana (*Lane v. Campus Federal Credit Union*, Case No. 3:16-cv-00037 - \$825); United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin (*Behrens v. Landmark Credit Union*, Case No. 17-cv-101 - \$850); United States District Court, Western District of Missouri (*Bowens v. Mazuma Credit Union*, Case No. 4:15-cv-00758 - \$850); United States District Court, Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division (*Fry v. MidFlorida Credit Union*, Case No. 8:15-cv-2743 - \$825); United States District Court, District of Maryland (*Ketner v. State Employees Credit Union of Maryland*, 1:15-cv-03594 - \$825); United States District Court, District of Nevada (*Gunter v. United Federal Credit Union*, Case No. 3:15-cv-00483 - \$850); Superior Court of the State of Washington, County of Pierce (*Wodja v. Washington State Employees Credit Union*, Case No. 16-2-12148-4 - \$850); United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan (*Pingston-Poling v. Advia Credit Union*, Case No.: 1:15-CV-1208 - \$850); United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts (*Salls v. Digital Federal Credit Union*, Case No. 18-cv-11262-TSH - \$850); United States District Court for the Northern District of New York (*Story v. SEFCU*, 1:18-cv-00764-MAD-DJS - \$850); United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, (*Barker v. BayPort Credit Union*, Case No. 2:20-cv-195-RCY-LRL (E.D. Va. 2021) - \$900); and in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of San Mateo (*Sinks v. San Mateo Credit Union*, Case No. 20-CIV-01789 - \$900).

**Experience and Qualifications**

8. McCune Law Group is a twenty-eight-attorney firm headquartered in Ontario, California, with offices in Edwardsville, Illinois; Irvine, California; Redlands, California; Palm Desert, California; Phoenix, Arizona; and Newark, New Jersey. McCune Law Group represents plaintiffs in consumer fraud class actions, product liability and other complex class action litigations in California and nationwide. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of McCune Law Group's firm resume.

9. The principal timekeeper on this case was Simi Peterson, an associate with McCune Law Group. Ms. Peterson's primary responsibilities included reviewing documents and providing summaries to Class Counsel and coordinating with the named plaintiffs for discovery and other purposes, including to meet with them in person to assist in preparing for their depositions.

**Expenses**

10. The following is a breakdown of the expenses McCune Law Group has incurred to date, which are verified and recorded in the ordinary course of business and for which it seeks reimbursement in this matter:

<b>Firm Name</b>	<b>Sum of Amount</b>
McCune Wright Arevalo, LLP	\$ 4,883.55
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,883.55</b>
<b>Expense Category</b>	<b>Sum of Amount</b>
2 - Federal Express/Local Courier, etc.	\$ 93.80
5 - Long Distance	\$ 33.88
8 - Hotels	\$ 587.58
9 - Meals	\$ 39.25
11 - Air Travel	\$ 1,910.84
14 - Court Fees	\$ 871.20
16 - Investigation Fees/Service Fees	\$ 860.40
18 - Ground Transportation (i.e. Rental, Taxis, etc.)	\$ 486.60
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,883.55</b>

11. The foregoing expenses were incurred solely in connection with this litigation and are reflected in McCune Law Group's books and records as maintained in the ordinary course of business. The claimed expenses incurred are reasonable and necessary to facilitate the conduct of the litigation. Air transportation was necessary in order to meet with McCune Law Group's Plaintiff clients to prepare them for deposition.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of State of Arizona, the State of California, and the United States, that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed pm the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2023, at Rancho Cucamonga, California.

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# Exhibit A



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## Firm Profile

McCune Wright Arevalo, LLP, is a nationally acclaimed plaintiff law firm with more than 30 years of experience serving a wide variety of clients from our California offices in Ontario, Palm Desert, San Bernardino, Irvine, as well as our offices in Illinois, Arizona, and New Jersey. Our team of attorneys specialize in diverse practice areas and have demonstrated successes in financial class actions and mass torts, personal injury and wrongful death, product liability, medical malpractice, commercial litigation, nursing home and elder abuse, government UDAP civil penalties, appellate counsel, civil rights, and employment law.

McCune Wright Arevalo, LLP, has been recognized by legal organizations across the country for our success and client experience, including Best Lawyers®, American Board of Trial Advocates®, the Million Dollar Advocates Forum, and the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum. We are proud to be home to several past and current Super Lawyers®, be voted one of the top 100 national trial lawyers and one of the top 25 product liability lawyers, and to have received an AV® Preeminent™ rating from Martindale Hubbell®.

McCune Wright Arevalo's dedication to success for our clients and legal education has also garnered us many features in broadcast and print media outlets. We've been featured in both local and national news networks including **The Today Show, CNN, FOX, ABC News, Forbes Magazine, the Los Angeles Times, Fortune, and USA Today**. Several of our attorneys have also acted as speakers for national legal conventions and seminars as well as contributing authors for **Law360** and **Continuing Education of the Bar**.

## Case Profiles

### Financial Services Class Actions

- Current Cases
  - i. Overdraft Fee Arbitration Claims Against Chase Bank  
McCune Wright Arevalo is bringing arbitration claims against Chase Bank for their allegedly unfair overdraft practices. These unfair practices have cost customers millions of dollars and unfairly target lower-income customers who are least able to afford these fees.
  - ii. Overdraft Fee Claims Against PNC Bank  
McCune Wright Arevalo is bringing arbitration claims against PNC Bank for their allegedly unfair overdraft practices. Unclear opt-in agreements following the merger transition from BBVA to PNC and allegedly unscrupulous charging practices may contribute to millions in overdraft fees for customers.
  - iii. Overdraft Fee Claims Against Wells Fargo  
McCune Wright Arevalo is bringing arbitration claims against Wells Fargo for their allegedly unfair opt-in agreement and alleged overcharging of overdraft fees to their customers.
  - iv. Fifth Third Bank Class Action  
McCune Wright Arevalo is building a class action case against Fifth Third bank for opening unauthorized accounts in their customers' names to meet unrealistic sales targets for their employees. This kind of financial fraud is

unacceptable and could cause far-reaching consequences for their unsuspecting customers' credit history or overall financial health.

- Successes
  - i. \$203 Million Trial Verdict Against Wells Fargo  
Trial verdict awarded for unfair overdraft fees.
  - ii. \$70 Million Settlement  
National class action settlement awarded for unfair overdraft fees.
  - iii. \$35 Million Settlement  
National class action settlement awarded for unfair overdraft fees.

### **Commercial Litigation**

- Current Cases
  - i. Antitrust Infringement of Crop Input Manufactures and Retailers  
McCune Wright Arevalo is bringing a class action lawsuit against the manufacturers of certain crop inputs and their retailers for allegedly colluding to price fix across their distribution channels and boycott sales to online retailers who could provide more inexpensive products to growers. Most farmers struggle to make ends meet; we want to help them by protecting their livelihood.
- Successes
  - i. \$23 Million Verdict  
Verdict awarded for breach of fiduciary duty.

### **Mass Torts - Medical Devices & Pharmaceuticals**

- Current Cases
  - i. Philips Bi-Level CPAPs and Ventilators Have Been Linked to Illness  
Phillips Respironics has issued a recall for several of their CPAP, BiPAP, and ventilator models which have been linked to the development of dangerous and potentially carcinogenic side effects. The PE-PUR sound abatement foam within the affected models has been shown to break down, releasing particles into the air pathway of the device leading to ingestion or inhalation. McCune Wright Arevalo is bringing a mass tort on behalf of patients who have been harmed by using this defective product.
- Successes
  - i. Settlement Against Bayer for Essure Birth Control  
Settlement awarded for broken, defective devices and horrific side effects.
  - ii. Settlement Against Gore-Tex Hernia Mesh  
Settlement awarded for defective mesh products and horrific side effects.
  - iii. \$75 Million Verdict Against Pfizer  
Trial verdict awarded for a lack of informed consent for children and their families participating in a clinical trial.
  - iv. \$4 Million Settlements Against DePuy  
Total settlement amounts awarded for defective ASR hip devices.

- v. \$2.7 Million Settlement  
Settlement awarded for a defective medical device.
- vi. \$1.7 Million Settlement  
Settlement awarded for defective ankle implant and medical malpractice.
- vii. \$1.1 Million Settlement  
Settlement awarded for a defective vaccine.

### **Personal Injury/Automotive Defect Class Actions**

- Current Cases
  - i. Ecolab Oxycide™ Cleaning Products  
McCune Wright Arevalo is pursuing a class action lawsuit on behalf of a class of hospital and other healthcare workers who have used Ecolab Oxycide™ Cleaning Products at work and have developed throat, lung, and nose irritation and other severe symptoms. Following an investigation performed by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, the product was found to be harmful to those using it and the agency recommended limiting usage. Ecolab is now being accused of knowing about the effects of the active ingredients in Oxycide™ and concealing these findings from their consumers.
  - ii. Parkinson's Disease Allegedly Linked to Paraquat Herbicide  
McCune Wright Arevalo is bringing a case against the manufactures of Paraquat – the commonly used herbicide – for its alleged connection to the development of Parkinson's Disease in those who have been exposed to the product.
  
- Successes
  - i. \$200,000 Settlement Against a California Surgeon  
After a botched hip replacement surgery, McCune Wright Arevalo was retained by the wronged patient to reclaim the costs of her pain, suffering, and additional medical bills associated with the revision surgery to correct it. We were able to settle the matter even before experts were disclosed – a swift and satisfactory resolution.
  - ii. \$2.6 Million Settlement  
Settlement awarded for the wrongful death of husband and father.
  - i. \$200 Million Settlement Against Hyundai  
Settlement awarded for class action arguing Hyundai advertised inflated gas mileage.
  - ii. \$22.5 Million Verdict  
Verdict awarded for unsafe roadways.
  - iii. \$8 Million Settlement  
Settlement awarded for injuries sustained during vehicle failure.
  - iv. \$4.28 Million Verdict  
Verdict awarded for a ski boat defect.
  - iii. \$3.6 Million Settlement

- Settlement awarded for wrongful death because of a product defect.
- iv. \$2 Million Verdict  
Verdict awarded for defective vehicle frame.
  - v. \$1.2 Million Settlement Against Slim Fast  
Settlement awarded for class action against Slim Fast.
  - vi. \$975,000 Verdict  
Verdict awarded for injuries sustained during seat belt malfunction in a collision.
  - vii. \$725,000 Settlement  
Settlement awarded for defective automotive product.
  - viii. \$600,000 Settlement  
Settlement awarded for faulty roadway design.
  - ix. \$525,000 Settlement  
Settlement awarded for negligent automotive production.
  - x. \$400,000 and \$305,000 Settlements  
Settlements awarded for faulty roadway design.
  - xi. \$240,000 Settlement
  - xii. Settlement awarded for ski lift malfunction.
  - xiii. \$950,000 Settlement  
Settlement awarded for burns caused by airway product and for medical malpractice.
  - xiv. \$625,000 Verdict  
Verdict awarded for medical malpractice and wrongful death of a patient who underwent liver transplant surgery and was not diagnosed with a perforated artery.
  - xv. \$225,000 Settlement  
Settlement awarded for medical malpractice and negligent implantation of port and catheter.
  - xvi. \$40 Million Against Volkswagen/Audi  
When it was revealed that Volkswagen/Audi had committed emissions fraud in several states across the country, most state attorney generals settled early for a meager \$1,100 per vehicle. Arizona, however, retained McCune Wright Arevalo to fight for their air quality, resulting in a \$40 Million settlement – a resolution more in line with the amount of environmental impact the company caused by lying about their vehicles’ emissions.
  - xvii. \$16.5 Million Verdict Against a Drunk Driver  
Verdict awarded to family for injuries during a drunk driving collision.
  - xviii. \$11 Million Verdict Against a Negligent Driver  
Verdict awarded for catastrophic injuries during a collision.
  - xix. \$5.5 Million Verdict  
Verdict awarded for injuries during a van rollover.
  - xx. \$4.25 Million Verdict Against Negligent Driver  
Verdict awarded for injuries received while in a motorcycle collision.
  - xxi. \$2.675 Million Verdict Against Negligent Driver  
Verdict awarded for injuries received during a pickup truck fire.

- xxii. \$2.3 Million Verdict Against Negligent Driver  
Verdict awarded for head-on collision.
- xxiii. \$2.25 Million Verdict Against Negligent Driver  
Verdict awarded for injuries received during SUV rollover.
- xxiv. \$1.3 Million Settlement Against Negligent Firearms User  
Settlement awarded for family of victim shot at a car show.
- xxv. \$1.25 Million Settlement Against Negligent Homeowners  
Settlement awarded for woman who fell through a poorly maintained deck.
- xxvi. \$800,000 Trial Verdict Against Negligent Driver  
Trial verdict awarded for trucking collision.

### **Racial & Economic Justice**

- Current Cases
  - i. Sexual Harassment and Assault Within Universities  
McCune Wright Arevalo is bringing action against California State University and investigating other institutions regarding the potential culture of silence and victim shaming surrounding sexual harassment and assault instances in universities nationwide. We believe victims should never have to choose between receiving support and justice and getting a paycheck.

### **Environmental**

- Current Cases
  - i. Colonia High School Brain Tumor  
McCune Wright Arevalo partner Michel Vercoski is bringing a case regarding the link between the diagnosis of a rare brain tumor and former Colonia High School students and staff. Reports claim that more than sixty former students and staff of Colonia Highschool have been diagnosed with a rare brain tumor called glioblastoma.
  - ii. Fallout From Orange County Oil Spill  
On Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, the oil pipeline owned by Amplify Energy situated off the coast of Huntington Beach, California, was reported to have begun leaking crude oil into the coastal waters of Orange County. Though city officials and Coast Guard were notified as soon as the spill was identified, attempts to resolve the leak were too slow to prevent tens of thousands of gallons of crude oil from leeching into the ocean. McCune Wright Arevalo is bringing a case against Amplify Energy over the disruption to businesses that rely on clean water to operate.
  - iii. Hazardous Gas Over Carson, California  
McCune Wright Arevalo has brought a lawsuit over the noxious gas buildup over Carson, California, emanating from the Dominguez Channel. On October 3, 2021, residents of Carson, California began smelling a foul odor both indoors and out. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works investigation

found that the order was that of hydrogen sulfide. Effects of inhaling this gas include nausea, coughing, sneezing, choking, shortness of breath, and headache or migraines.

iv. Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant Disaster

McCune Wright Arevalo is gathering clients against Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant of El Segundo. In July 2021, the Hyperion plant experienced a catastrophic failure that resulted in millions of gallons of raw sewage flooding the plant and being dumped directly into the Pacific Ocean. In the following weeks, citizens of El Segundo and surrounding cities have begun complaining of a lingering stench and health concerns caused by the odor and potential exposure to raw sewage in the water.

v. San Bernardino County Sandstorms

McCune Wright Arevalo is bringing legal action over the alleged public health and property damage arising from the Clearway solar farm project. Residents report the project has stirred up worsening sandstorms in Newberry Springs/Daggett. The desert surrounding cities in San Bernardino County like Barstow, Newberry Springs, and Daggett contains loose silica sand underneath a crust layer and vegetation. With the development of the Clearway solar farm, the crust and vegetation were removed, exposing the silica underneath, and causing immense and harmful sandstorms.

## Firm Biographies

### **Richard D. McCune, Founding Partner**

Richard D. McCune is the founding partner of McCune Wright Arevalo, LLP. He has 30 years of experience in representing plaintiffs throughout the United States, California and the Inland Empire in class action, government UDAP civil penalties, product liability, catastrophic personal injury, and business fraud cases.

Mr. McCune's trial and settlement success have resulted in his achieving the highest possible AV Rating™ from Martindale-Hubbell®. He is also a member of the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum®. He is in the Top 100 of the National Trial Lawyer Association, including being in the Top 25 in Class Action and Product Liability. He has been peer selected as one of the top 5% of attorneys, selected to the California Super Lawyers. He was one of the select finalists for the 2011 California Consumer Attorney of the Year.

Mr. McCune frequently lectures at attorney conferences where he has made presentations on banking class actions, foreclosure class actions, and automobile product liability cases. He was appointed by Judge Selna as one of the leading firms for personal injury/wrongful death cases in the high-profile Toyota sudden unintended acceleration litigation. He was also selected by the State of Arizona to represent the citizens of Arizona against Volkswagen in the high-profile Volkswagen emissions fraud lawsuit. Mr. McCune is a member of the American Bar Association, the Association of Business Trial Lawyers, the California State Bar, the Consumer Attorneys of California, the Riverside County Bar Association, the San Bernardino County Bar Association, and the American Association for Justice.

### **David C. Wright, Partner**

David C. Wright is a partner of McCune Wright Arevalo, LLP. Prior to 2001, he was a federal prosecutor in the Major Crimes Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California. Since 2001, Mr. Wright has used his litigation and trial skills to hold vehicle manufacturers, product manufacturers, and fraudulent businesses responsible for their actions.

Since leaving the U.S. Attorney's Office in 2001, he has applied his experience as a prosecutor to successfully litigate numerous defective product cases against some of the nation's largest corporations. Prior to working at the U.S. Attorney's Office, Mr. Wright clerked for the Honorable Stephen S. Trott, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

As a partner at McCune Wright Arevalo, LLP, Mr. Wright focuses his practice on the representation of clients who have suffered catastrophic injury or the death of a loved one because of a dangerous product. He is a member of the California State Bar, the Consumer Attorneys of California, the Riverside County Bar Association, the San Bernardino County Bar Association, and the American Association for Justice.

**Kristy M. Arevalo, Partner**

As a partner at McCune Wright Arevalo, LLP, Kristy M. Arevalo has established herself in the Inland Empire in the legal fields of medical product failure, personal injury, wrongful death, and product liability.

Ms. Arevalo is dedicated to holding individuals, corporations, and entities responsible for defective and dangerous actions, products, and pharmaceuticals. She has litigated and settled multiple cases involving the recalled DePuy ASR hips and is active in many multidistrict and coordinated litigations around the country involving defective drugs and medical devices, such as DePuy Pinnacle hips, Wright Medical hips, inferior vena cava (IVC) filters, hernia mesh, and Essure birth control.

In addition to her mass torts practice, Ms. Arevalo handles catastrophic personal injury and wrongful death cases. She has argued in front of the California Court of Appeals and has tried multiple cases to verdict.

In addition to her busy litigation practice, Ms. Arevalo is actively involved in the Consumer Attorneys of California (CAOC) and is a graduate of CAOC's 2015 Leadership Academy. She is President of the Inland Empire Chapter of CAOC, Legislative Chair of the CAOC Diversity Committee, on the Board of Governors of CAOC, and involved in the CAOC Women's Caucus. She was selected to the California Rising Stars list in 2016, an honor bestowed on less than 2% of California attorneys aged 40 and younger. Ms. Arevalo is also a regular speaker at conferences on the subjects of mass torts, product liability, personal injury, and commercial litigation. She is a member of the California State Bar, the Consumer Attorneys of California, the Consumer Attorneys of the Inland Empire, the Riverside County Bar Association, the San Bernardino County Bar Association, and the American Association for Justice.

**Michele M. Vercoski, Partner**

Since 2007, Michele M. Vercoski, partner of McCune Wright Arevalo, LLP, has obtained financial recoveries to clients in personal injury, product liability, class action fraud, commercial litigation, and workplace harassment and discrimination. She is heavily involved in cases involving harm to women, whether personal or financial.

Ms. Vercoski has successfully argued before the 9th Circuit on an arbitration issue in a worker's contract. She joined the small group of elite attorneys when she argued the arbitration issue on writ of certiorari before the United States Supreme Court on October 29, 2018. The Chief Justice authored the 5-4 split decision. Additionally, she has been tapped as a contributing author to the legal news publication Law360.

Ms. Vercoski has also been featured by Continued Education of the Bar (CEB), a nonprofit program out of the University of California, as a contributing author in their newest tool for attorneys, Practitioner – published in November 2020. She authored sections on business litigation topics such as breaches of fiduciary duty, contingency fee agreements, unfair competition causes, breaches of written contract, and affirmative defenses for partnership disputes.

Ms. Vercoski is a member of the American Business Trial Lawyers, the California State Bar, the California Young Lawyers Association, the Consumer Attorneys of California, the New Jersey State Bar, the New York State Bar, the Orange County Bar Association, Public Justice, the Riverside County Bar Association, and the San Bernardino County Bar Association.

**Elaine S. Kusel, Partner**

Elaine S. Kusel, who joined the firm in 2008, is a partner of McCune Wright Arevalo, LLP, and leads the firm's New Jersey office. With her many years of experience, she performs a significant role in the firm's Consumer Fraud Class Action division.

After college, Ms. Kusel spent eight years working in the U.S. House of Representatives, where she eventually served as Legislative Director and Counsel to a Member of Congress serving on the House Commerce Committee.

After graduating from law school, her practice included fraud litigation, mass torts, and international human rights law. In one notable case, *Abdullahi v. Pfizer*, Ms. Kusel represented Nigerian children enrolled in a clinical trial by Pfizer without their families' informed consent. In another, *Gutierrez v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*, her work helped secure a \$203 million-dollar class action verdict for unfair bank overdraft fees. Ms. Kusel helped to lead the effort to uncover the financial fraud of Volkswagen, leading to a \$40 million-dollar settlement on behalf of the citizens of the State of Arizona in the emissions fraud scandal.

Ms. Kusel is a member of the New Jersey State Bar, the New York State Bar, the New Jersey State Bar Association, and the New York State Bar Association.

**Cory R. Weck, Partner**

Cory R. Weck is a partner at McCune Wright Arevalo, LLP, and has been a trial lawyer in the Inland Empire since 2002. He has represented hundreds of clients in all matters arising out of personal injury litigation. Mr. Weck has been peer-selected as one of the top 5% of attorneys, selected to the California Super Lawyers list every year since 2012.

He has also served as a Marine Corps officer for over 20 years. He was commissioned as a second Lieutenant in 1994 and then served as a defense counsel representing Marines accused of violating the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Prior to leaving active duty he represented military commanders as a prosecutor for the busiest trial shop in the Department of Defense. As a result of his trial results and



dedication to justice he was selected as the “Top Young Lawyer of the Year for the U.S. Marine Corps” by the American Bar Association in 1999. Since 2001, Mr. Weck continued to serve as an active Reserve officer for the Marines until his retirement in 2017.

He is rated as Distinguished™ by Martindale-Hubbell® and is the past president of the Inland Empire chapter of the Consumer Attorneys of California. Mr. Weck is a member of the American Association for Justice, the California State Bar, the Consumer Attorneys of California, the Riverside County Bar Association, the San Bernardino County Bar Association, the Million Dollar Advocates Forum, and the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

**Derek Y. Brandt, Partner**

Named one of the top 100 lawyers in Illinois, Derek Brandt is a litigator with decades of experience litigating high-stakes disputes involving powerful corporate and financial interests throughout the world. His plaintiff-oriented practice focuses on competition, antitrust, and other commercial and consumer disputes, both on a class and individual basis.

Mr. Brandt has represented clients large and small, ranging from “name brand” Fortune 100 and Fortune 150 multi-national companies to smaller publicly traded market innovators, privately held businesses, municipalities, and individual consumers and investors. Many of his litigations have played out before influential state and federal courts.

Mr. Brandt has also represented plaintiffs in False Claims Act “whistleblower” actions and in various litigations relating to consumer, commercial, and investment transactions. He has been named to the Illinois Super Lawyers list each year for the last decade, an honor reserved by Thomson Reuters for the top 5% of practitioners, based on peer nominations and its independent research. In 2020, Super Lawyers recognized him as one of the Top 100 attorneys in Illinois. He was separately honored for inclusion in the 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21 versions of *Best Lawyers in America*.

Mr. Brandt is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the American Association for Justice, and the Federal Bar Association.

**Steven J. Weinberg, Partner**

Steven J. Weinberg is an accomplished trial lawyer and partner of McCune Wright Arevalo, LLP. Mr. Weinberg has focused his legal career on cases involving personal injury, wrongful death, medical malpractice, and nursing home abuse. He serves as the managing attorney of the McCune Wright Arevalo, LLP, Coachella Valley office and leads in the practice areas of medical malpractice and nursing home abuse.

During his time as a practicing lawyer, Mr. Weinberg has tried over 100 cases. He worked in three law offices after graduating from law school and eventually founded his own practice in 1988. He worked in his own office until joining the McCune Wright Arevalo, LLP, team in 2019.

Mr. Weinberg has achieved multiple professional recognitions throughout his years as a lawyer, including maintaining an AV rating since 1979, multiple listings by the Super Lawyers organization, and recognition by the Consumer Attorneys of California for his excellence in professional liability, product liability, and general negligence litigation.

In addition to his work as an attorney, Mr. Weinberg has been involved in several professional organizations such as the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, and the Million Dollar Advocates Forum. He currently serves as Governor Emeritus of the Consumer Attorneys of California, a position he has held since 2004.

Mr. Weinberg also is a member of the California State Bar, the American Association for Justice, the California Continuing Education of the Bar, the Desert Bar Association, the Montana Trial Lawyers Association, the Nevada Trial Lawyers Association, the Orange County Trial Lawyers Association, the Riverside County Bar Association, the San Bernardino Bar Association, and the Western Trial Lawyers Association.

**Steven A. Haskins, Partner**

Steven A. Haskins is a partner of McCune Wright Arevalo, LLP, specializing in class actions, complex litigation, and appeals and writs. His legal background includes experience working on matters involving antitrust, constitutional issues, contract and business disputes, labor and employment disputes, commercial and product-liability disputes, and probate matters. Over the course of his career, Mr. Haskins has prepared dozens of briefs for cases heard by the United States Supreme Court, the California Supreme Court, the Ninth Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals, and the California Court of Appeal. Mr. Haskins has also been involved in complex litigation in trial courts across the country, including a nine-month trial in San Bernardino County Superior Court that ended in a complete victory for his clients.

Before joining McCune Wright Arevalo, Mr. Haskins represented entities and individuals in a multitude of industries including manufacturing, property development, health care, media and entertainment, and non-profit corporations. He also worked alongside McCune Wright Arevalo during its representation of the State of Arizona Attorney General's office in litigation against Volkswagen regarding its emissions scandal. He is a member of the California State Bar, the Riverside County Bar Association, and the San Bernardino County Bar Association.

**Joseph L. Richardson, Partner**

Partner Joseph L. Richardson leads the firm's Racial & Economic Justice practice. This practice group is designed to bring actions against entities and institutions whose policies disproportionately harm people of color in the workplace and the consumer/small business marketplace. The group encompasses areas including employment, civil rights, and consumer and small business class actions.

In addition to litigation, Mr. Richardson also leads the department in advocacy – partnering with leaders (business, community, political, religious and others) and community institutions including schools and nonprofits to shed light on and combat racial and economic inequality. Mr. Richardson also spearheads the effort to identify meaningful pro bono opportunities for the attorneys of the firm whose professional pro bono work will be directed in helping individuals and small businesses that are harmed by racist policies.

Mr. Richardson has been involved in employment, class action, and other litigation involving treatment of disadvantaged individuals, and has secured successful verdicts and million-dollar settlements for clients. He has also advocated for churches and non-profit entities. Mr. Richardson is a member of the American Association for Justice, the Los Angeles County Bar Association, the National Bar Association,

the Richard T. Fields Bar Association, the Riverside County Bar Association, the San Bernardino Bar County Bar Association, the State Bar of California, the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, and the Consumer Attorneys of California.

**Emily J. Kirk, Associate**

An associate at McCune Wright Arevalo, LLP, Emily J. Kirk has over 15 years of experience leading complex litigation and class actions on behalf of plaintiffs in product liability, personal injury, environmental, and business fraud cases.

In one of Ms. Kirk's most notable cases, she represented a small publicly traded company against its dominant competitor in a lawsuit involving antitrust allegations. The matter resulted in a business deal and settlement under which the client received tens of millions of dollars. She was also an instrumental part of the team that worked to uncover the financial fraud of Volkswagen, leading to a \$40 million settlement on behalf of the citizens of the State of Arizona in the emissions fraud scandal.

In 2009, U.S. Senator Dick Durbin appointed Ms. Kirk to a bipartisan screening committee that selected Stephen Wigginton as the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois.

In addition to her litigation practice, Ms. Kirk is involved in the American Bar Association Section of Litigation where she serves as a Co-Chair the Solo and Small Firm Committee and as a Member of the Mental Health and Wellness Task Force for Lawyers. She was also appointed as a 2018-2019 American Bar Association Membership Advocate, and regularly serves as a speaker for ABA panels and events. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar, and the Missouri State Bar.

**Tuan Q. Nguyen, Associate**

Tuan Q. Nguyen joined McCune Wright Arevalo, LLP, in 2017 as an associate attorney. Mr. Nguyen represents plaintiffs in class action, product liability, mass tort, business fraud, and consumer protection litigation.

Mr. Nguyen attended the University of San Diego School of Law, earning his J.D. in 2016. During law school, Mr. Nguyen was the Lead Editor for the San Diego Law Review. Mr. Nguyen also served as a judicial extern to the Honorable Ronald Prager of the California Court of Appeal for the 4th District, the Honorable Michael Anello of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California, and the Honorable Michael Nash of the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Nguyen has worked for a Workers' Compensation law firm in Orange County and the Legal Aid Society of Orange County. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the California State Bar, the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, the Consumer Attorneys of California, the Korean American Bar Association of Southern California, the Orange County Asian American Bar Association, the Orange County Bar Association, the Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego, the Riverside County Bar Association, the San Bernardino County Bar Association, and the San Diego County Bar Association.

**Mark I. Richards, Associate**

Mark I. Richards joined McCune Wright Arevalo, LLP, in 2018 as an Associate. Mr. Richards represents plaintiffs in class actions, product liability, mass torts, business fraud, and consumer protection litigation.

While attending UC Hastings College of the Law, Mr. Richards was a Notes Editor for the Hastings Business Law Journal and served as a Judicial Extern for the Honorable Jaqueline Scott Corley in the Northern District of California. In addition, he assisted federal prosecutors as a Law Clerk in United States Attorney's Office Economic Crimes and Fraud Division.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Richards worked for a nationally recognized law firm in Oakland, California representing individuals diagnosed with mesothelioma and asbestos related diseases.

Mr. Richards serves as Board Member of Inland Counties Legal Services (ICLS) – a volunteer-based legal aid agency serving low-income residents of the Inland Empire. As Board Member, he assists ICLS in continuing their organizational mission of pursuing justice and equality for low-income people through counsel, advice, advocacy, and community education. He is a member of the California State Bar, the Riverside County Bar Association, the San Bernardino County Bar Association, and the San Diego County Bar Association.

#### **Leigh Perica, Associate**

Leigh Perica joined McCune Wright Arevalo, LLP, in 2018 as an Associate. Ms. Perica represents plaintiffs in class actions, anti-trust matters, and commercial litigation.

Before joining McCune Wright Arevalo, Ms. Perica served as a law clerk to Hon. David R. Herndon of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois for four years where she worked on a wide variety of civil and criminal cases, including both mass actions and class actions.

Prior to her federal clerkship, Ms. Perica earned her J.D. at the University of Kentucky College of Law, where she served as President of the Moot Court Board and a member of the Moot Court National Competition Team. In addition, she was awarded the Luke Woodward Award for Excellence in Oral Argument and Leadership. While in law school, Ms. Perica also worked as a products liability research assistant on the leading multi-volume products liability treatise, Owen, and Davis Products Liability Law (4th ed. 2014). Ms. Perica is a member of the Missouri State Bar and the Illinois State Bar.

#### **Bryinna D. Popka, Associate**

Bryinna D. Popka joined McCune Wright Arevalo, LLP, in 2019 as an associate attorney. Ms. Popka represents plaintiffs in personal injury litigation.

Ms. Popka attended the University of La Verne, College of Law, earning her J.D. in 2015. During law school, she earned the coveted Student of Distinction Award and achieved CALI Excellence for the Future Awards in Insurance Law and Mediation. She also served as the College of Law's American Bar Association Representative. Ms. Popka also served as an extern for the San Bernardino County Superior Court assisting self-represented litigants in unlawful detainer, small claims, and family law matters.

Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Popka worked for a catastrophic personal injury law firm in Los Angeles County on numerous high-profile cases including multiple eight-figure jury verdicts. She is a member of

the California State Bar, the Riverside County Bar Association, and the San Bernardino County Bar Association.

**Connor Lemire, Associate**

Connor Lemire is one of the associate attorneys on the McCune Wright Arevalo, LLP, team. He works remotely for the Midwest office in Edwardsville, IL and primarily handles document reviews for cases.

Mr. Lemire is a recent graduate of the University of Miami School of Law; he earned his degree in May of 2018. Mr. Lemire interned at a Worcester, MA law firm during the summers of 2014, 2016, and 2017. As a legal intern, he conducted research and assisted attorneys in trial and during settlement negotiations. He is a member of the Washington DC Bar.

**Yasmin N. Vahid, Associate**

Yasmin Vahid joined McCune Wright Arevalo, LLP, as an associate in June 2020, following her time as a law clerk for the firm. She has worked on the 3M Combat Earplugs case, and was heavily involved in client interaction, gathering data and evidence for the case, and producing documentation to the defendants. Ms. Vahid also worked on the Vehicle Safety Defect case, where she conducted extensive legal research and analysis, identified implications for cases from legal precedents, and wrote reports and memoranda for attorney review. As an associate with McCune Wright Arevalo, Ms. Vahid focuses on OxyCide, gathering data for the case, preparing legal documentation, and drafting complaints.

While in law school, Ms. Vahid became a certified mediator through the dispute resolution programs act. She previously interned at an Orange County firm, where she focused on complex business litigation. Ms. Vahid was also a law clerk at a Los Angeles firm, where she focused on bankruptcy and immigration law. She is a volunteer at Inland Counties Legal Services and is a member of the Orange County Bar Association.

**Sherief Morsy, Associate**

Sherief Morsy joined McCune Wright Arevalo's New Jersey office as an associate in 2020. His practice primarily focuses on consumer fraud class actions and other complex litigation matters.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Morsy was a senior associate at a New York City law firm, whose practice focused on complex civil and class action litigation, including securities litigation, antitrust litigation, and consumer class actions. As he previously assisted investors in recovering their losses resulting from corporate securities fraud, he now focuses that experience at McCune Wright Arevalo in assisting people who have been victimized by deceptive business practices or other corporate wrongdoing.

During law school, Mr. Morsy interned with the Honorable Shira A. Scheindlin, Southern District of New York. He has also interned with a New York securities firm, a multinational corporation, and the King's County DA's office.

Mr. Morsy earned his J.D. at Brooklyn Law School, where he graduated *cum laude*. While earning his J.D., Sherief was a Notes and Comments Editor for the Brooklyn Law Review. He is the author of *The JOBS Act and Crowdfunding: How Narrowing the Secondary Market Handicaps Fraud Plaintiffs*, 79 *Brook. L. Rev.* (2014), *Brooklyn Law Review*, Vol. 79, Issue 3. Mr. Morsy is a member of the New Jersey State Bar and the New York State Bar.

**Sandy Gonzalez, Associate**

Sandy Gonzalez is a civil litigation attorney working on matters involving complex litigation and consumer class actions.

Prior to joining MWA in 2020, Ms. Gonzalez worked as a defense attorney in the areas of medical malpractice, elder and dependent adult abuse, and complex litigation, including mass torts. She also worked as a scientific researcher at several prestigious academic institutions and conducted her own graduate study in psychology and law.

During law school, Ms. Gonzalez worked as a judicial extern to the Honorable Otis D. Wright II at the US District Court for the Central District of California. After her first year, she advocated for start-up clients by helping them navigate complex patent landscapes and obtain rights to their cutting-edge inventions. She also worked at the San Francisco City Attorney's office and mediated small claims disputes at the San Francisco Superior Court and Human Rights Commission.

Ms. Gonzalez was recognized by the UC Hastings Pro Bono Legal Society for her work as a Hastings to Haiti delegate in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, where she conducted fact-finding in partnership with Haitian law schools to advance gender rights and support the rule of law in Haiti. She is a member of the California State Bar, the Consumer Attorneys of California, the Los Angeles County Bar Association, and the William P. Gray Legion Lex Inn of Court.

**Catherine M. Roe, Associate**

Catherine M. Roe is a civil litigation attorney who specializes in product liability, personal injury, wrongful death, and medical product failure, including mass torts.

Before joining MWA in 2020, Ms. Roe worked in-house as associate legal counsel for an Orange County-based company where she drafted lease agreements, evaluated legal documents, and consulted with external legal counsel. She also volunteered her time and skills to operate as a volunteer counselor where she advised low-income clients on employment and COVID-19-related matters.

While attending law school, Ms. Roe worked as a judicial extern to the Honorable Kimberly Menninger, Superior Court of Orange County, as well as a research advocacy intern. As a Research Advocacy Intern, she drafted advocacy statements regarding international crimes of aggression for submission to the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) and even argued before the UNHRC in Geneva.

During her final years of law school, Ms. Roe successfully represented clients as a student attorney with the UC Hastings Refugee & Human Rights Clinic. She also provided counsel to clients seeking advice in employment, discrimination, FMLA, and workers' compensation matters under the UC Hastings Workers Rights Clinic. She was elected the Vice President of the Human Rights & International Law Organization and the Hastings to Haiti outreach partnership. Ms. Roe also worked as a Senior Articles Editor on the Hastings International & Comparative Law Review. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the California State Bar, the Consumer Attorneys of California, and the Orange County Bar Association.

**Valerie L. Savran, Associate**

Valerie L. Savran is a civil litigation attorney specializing in financial services and class actions.

Prior to joining MWA as a Law Clerk in August of 2020, Ms. Savran worked at a civil litigation firm in downtown Los Angeles. While at this firm, she represented low-income clients against landlords in matters of housing negligence. She later worked with two plaintiff-side employment law firms in West Los Angeles where she pursued legal actions on behalf of those who were wronged by their employers.

As a 2015 University of Southern California graduate and a 2020 Pepperdine university Caruso School of Law graduate, Ms. Savran has always been an extremely active and dedicated student, aiming to learn new skills and apply them to her professional career. She participated in moot court at Pepperdine and was a member of the Jewish Law Students Association. Ms. Savran was also president of Pepperdine's chapter of the Student Animal legal Defense Fund. She is a member of the California State Bar.

#### **Jordan I. Wispell, Associate**

Jordan I. Wispell is a civil litigation attorney specializing in product liability and class actions.

Before her admission to the California State Bar, Ms. Wispell worked with MWA as an intake coordinator, organizing potential client leads and helping new clients get set up to work with their MWA attorney. She was also employed as a law clerk at several law firms throughout Southern California where she prepared documents and performed research for active cases. She even operated as a congressional intern for Congressman Pete Aguilar in 2016.

After graduating from California State University, Channel Islands in 2015 with her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, Ms. Wispell attended Loyola Marymount University School of Law in Los Angeles. While in law school, she excelled, ranking among the top 15 percent of her class. She even worked as a staff writer and, later, a senior production editor on the Loyola of Los Angeles International & Comparative Law Review. She is a member of the California State Bar.

#### **Dana R. Vogel, Attorney**

Dana Vogel is the Director/Managing Attorney of McCune Wright Arevalo, LLP's Arizona branch. Ms. Vogel has been practicing law since 2013 when she joined the Arizona State Attorney General's office as an Assistant Attorney General. While in this role, she specialized in antitrust and consumer fraud matters, going on to co-lead a litigation against General Motors in which she successfully secured a \$6 million resolution for Arizona consumers.

Following her success as Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Vogel became the Attorney General's Antitrust Unit Chief and, later, the Competition, Innovation & Privacy Unit Chief. As Unit Chief, she oversaw the Unit's caseload and managed multiple attorneys and paralegals as they worked toward justice for Arizona's consumers. While in this role, Ms. Vogel handled matters including Generic Drug Pharmaceuticals antitrust litigation alongside other State Attorneys General, Facebook antitrust litigation alongside other State Attorneys General and the FTC, and Google antitrust litigation alongside other State Attorneys General and the DOJ. Ms. Vogel has experience in data privacy, FinTech, competition law, consumer protection law, and antitrust cases.

Ms. Vogel has won awards including the Michael C. Cudahy Mentoring award, 2020, Class Action Fairness Act (CAFA) Outstanding Team Award, 2018, and E-Discovery Outstanding Team Award, 2018. She is a member of the Arizona State bar.

#### **Kyle Lawheed, Attorney**



Kyle Lawheed is a civil litigation attorney specializing in banking and personal injury matters.

Kyle Lawheed has acted as a practicing attorney since 2014 but has worked in law firms since 2011. Mr. Lawheed began his legal career as a legal assistant in Huntington Beach, CA, where he drafted motions, provided legal research, and interfaced with clients regarding their filings against the largest banking institutions. He then ventured into the realm of intellectual property law, offering support as a law clerk in intellectual property litigation matters. After graduating with his J.D. in International Law, Mr. Lawheed worked in multiple roles as a Family Law and Personal Injury attorney. These positions allowed him to expand his repertoire and connect on a personal level with clients who have been wronged.

As he worked to represent his Personal Injury clients, Mr. Lawheed also provided his skills in drafting, reviewing, and filing legal documents to firms in need of his assistance. His work assisting firms specialized in contract review and intellectual property research. Mr. Lawheed is also a Legal Content Manager and writer for Home Business Magazine in Minnesota.

Mr. Lawheed graduated with honors in International Law and was elected both First Year Class Representative and President of the International Law Society at Whittier Law School. He is a member of the California State Bar.

#### **Joshua A. Genzuk, Associate**

Joshua A. Genzuk is a civil litigation attorney specializing in product liability and catastrophic personal injury matters.

Prior to joining MWA, Joshua Genzuk worked as a trial attorney with a California law firm specializing in bad faith insurance claims, catastrophic personal injury, and product liability. In this role, Mr. Genzuk demonstrated great aptitude, boasting a history of successes with awards upwards of millions of dollars. Mr. Genzuk is a 2018 graduate of Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, CA where he received honors in negotiations and mediation advocacy. During his time at Loyola, he also was part of the International Chamber of Commerce Paris Mediation Competition, a prestigious competition pitting teams from law schools across the globe against each other. Following his graduation, Mr. Genzuk operated as an assistant trial attorney where he drafted motions, prepared trial witnesses, took expert testimonies, and managed his own caseload – a role which prepared him for his growing responsibility in the court room.

Mr. Genzuk has used his growing expertise during his school years to offer pro bono support for the Disability Legal Right Center where he ensured settlements and memoranda were in compliance with ADA requirements. This experience has shaped his practice and inspired his commitment to serving wronged consumers and underserved groups. Mr. Genzuk is a member of the California State Bar, Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, Consumer Attorneys of California, and the United States District Court, Central District of California.

#### **Richard A. Nervig, Of Counsel**

Richard A. Nervig is a civil litigation attorney specializing in commercial and securities litigation.

Richard Nervig has practiced law since 1993. He began his career specializing in securities litigation where he managed the mass filing and prosecution of FINRA arbitration cases and oversaw compliance in securities and investment banking matters. Mr. Nervig then opened his own practice which handled general Commercial, Personal Injury, and securities litigation. With nearly 30 years of experience within



the legal industry, Mr. Nervig has become an expert in his field and offers his expertise to partner firms like McCune Wright Arevalo, LLP.

In an effort to shape the next generation of attorneys and to provide a much-needed resource to new lawyers, Mr. Nervig also acts as an Adjunct Professor of Business Law at California State University – San Marcos. In his undergraduate course, he lectures on contracts, torts, bankruptcy, and business formation.

#### **Curt W. Jure, Of Counsel**

Curt W. Jure is Of Counsel with McCune Wright Arevalo, LLP, and has over 30 years of experience in personal injury and wrongful death. He has represented thousands of clients in all types of personal injury litigation. He has been AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell during his entire career.

Mr. Jure has established himself as one of the region's most accomplished attorneys, having practiced exclusively in the Inland Empire since 1971. He is a founding member of both the San Bernardino County Bar Association and the Inland Empire Chapter of the American Inns of Court. He is also admitted to practice in the state of California and the U.S. Federal Court. He is a member of the California State Bar, the Riverside County Bar Association, and the San Bernardino County Bar Association.

#### **Joseph A. Waks, Of Counsel**

Joseph A. Waks is Of Counsel with McCune Wright Arevalo, LLP. He is a New Jersey native and New Jersey and Pennsylvania licensed attorney that focuses his work with McCune Wright Arevalo, LLP, on litigating cases as outside counsel for government entities bringing UDAP claims.

Mr. Waks brings an extensive background in public policy and governmental legal affairs. He has worked in public policy development and served as a trusted counsel and adviser to elected officials in New Jersey at the highest levels of government. Among his positions, he served as Appointments Counsel to a governor of New Jersey, as press secretary and counsel to a Member of Congress, and as state director to a United States Senator. He is a member of the Hudson County Bar Association and the New Jersey State Bar.

#### **Keena Patel, Attorney**

Keena Patel has been practicing law since 2011. She started her career in civil litigation working with clients in federal court in Georgia. She then joined the Arizona Attorney General's Office in various Divisions with a focus on helping consumers. She is now an attorney at McCune Wright Arevalo, LLP, working out of the firm's Arizona office. She specializes in environmental and class action matters.

During her time at the Arizona Attorney General's Office as an Assistant Attorney General, she was responsible for the oversight of specialized enforcement proceedings, investigation and litigation of all civil education related violations, and review of class action settlements. Mrs. Patel's efforts during her time at the Arizona Attorney General's Office successfully resulted in numerous consumer positive outcomes. She also worked for the Office in the Civil Rights Division as a conflict resolution program coordinator where she mediated civil rights discrimination complaints including employment, housing, and public accommodations

She graduated with her J.D. from Georgia State University College of Law in 2011 and received her B.A. from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2007.

She is a member of the State Bar of Arizona, State Bar of California, and State Bar of Georgia.

**Christopher M. Sloat, Attorney**

Chris is an attorney in McCune Wright Arevalo's Arizona branch and represents clients in antitrust, class actions, and related commercial litigation matters.

Before joining the firm, Chris served as an Assistant Attorney General in the Arizona Attorney General's Office, where, as part of a coalition of states, he investigated and litigated monopolization claims against Google alongside the United States Department of Justice in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

Prior to his role at the Attorney General's Office, Chris clerked for the Honorable Diane Johnsen of the Arizona Court of Appeals, the Honorable John Pelander of the Arizona Supreme Court, and the Honorable John Tuchi of the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona.

Chris graduated from the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law in 2016, where he served as Editor-in-Chief of *Arizona Law Review*. Chris was admitted to the State Bar of Arizona in 2018.

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