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Mr. Herron is a trial lawyer, and is one of the founding partners of Abelson | Herron LLP.

Mr. Herron’s practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, including “enterprise threatening” litigation and trials. Representation includes entities in all manner of business disputes including contract issues, intellectual property claims, anti-competitive torts, products liability allegations, real estate controversies, and insurance coverage claims. Mr. Herron is an active member of the legal community. He is Chair of the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles County Bar’s Litigation Section, and is a member of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and the Association of Business Trial Lawyers’ Litigation Section. Before founding Abelson | Herron LLP, Mr. Herron was a litigation partner with Latham & Watkins LLP (Los Angeles, CA).

Mr. Herron is a member of the California State Bar, the United States Tax Bar and is admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Highlights of Mr. Herron’s experience include:

- Trial counsel representing client seeking insurance coverage for tens of millions of dollars in environmental remediation costs. Multi-day trial ended in complete verdict for our client including findings of coverage and insurer’s vexatious refusal to pay.
- Trial counsel in a multi-week jury trial representing a local public entity in \$100 million eminent domain action concerning parcel of property alleged to be contaminated with hazardous substances. Due to trial efforts, condemnee was awarded \$45 million less than its alleged claim;
- Trial counsel defending client in a multi-month jury trial concerning allegations of misappropriation of trade secrets, fraud, interference, and breach of fiduciary duty. Plaintiff sought \$4 million in compensatory damages and \$16 million in punitive damages. Case ended in complete defense verdict;
- Trial counsel in international arbitration defending an American corporation from claims by a Turkish company alleging fraud and interference with contract; claimant sought damages of more than \$100 million. Case ended in complete defense verdict, and order that Turkish company reimburse American client’s attorneys’ fees and costs;

- One of several trial counsel representing policyholders in the World Trade Center property insurance litigation. Jury returned verdict in favor of policyholders on number of occurrences resulting in more than a billion dollars in further insurance coverage;
- Co-lead trial counsel obtained defense verdict for client in four week long business interference and trade secret case in Los Angeles Superior Court. Thereafter obtained very favorable settlement for client before retrial of final outstanding claim.
- Participated in defense team in products liability suit against major tobacco manufacturer. Trial resulted in complete defense verdict;
- Lead trial counsel in entertainment action that resulted in beneficial settlement to client after second day of trial;
- Lead trial counsel in multi-day arbitration of accounting matter. Verdict saved client hundreds of thousands of dollars;
- Successfully argued two separate appeals to California's District Court of Appeals (obtaining affirmation of one decision, and reversal of another).

Education

University of Southern California Law School, J.D., 1994 (*Order of the Coif*)

Judicial Extern, Hon. Dickran Tevrizian, Central District of California

University of California, Los Angeles, B.A. Economics, 1990 (Athletic Director's Honor Roll)

Awards and Recognition

2005–2011 "Super Lawyer," as selected by *Los Angeles Magazine* and *Law & Politics*

2004 "Rising Star"

Professional Activities

Member, California Bar

Chair, Los Angeles County Bar Association Litigation Section Executive Committee

Member, Complex Courts Committee

Former Chair, Litigation Section's Programs Committee

Former Chair, Litigation Section's Breakfast at the Bar Committee

Member, Association of Trial Lawyers of America

Former Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association's Inn of Court

Member, Association of Business Trial Lawyers' Litigation Section

Author, *Increasing the Speech: Diversity, Campus Speech Codes and the Pursuit of Truth*,
67 So. Cal L. Rev. 407 (1994)

Co-Author, "First Suspicion: Kline Demonstrates the Importance of Suing Quickly,"
Daily Journal (August 8, 2001)

Co-Author, "Attorney Unable to Recover Attorney Fees," *Los Angeles Lawyer*, Vol. 24 No. 9
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Vice-Chair, Board of Directors for Special Olympics Southern California

Co-Chair, Sports and Programs Committee

Guest Lecturer, USC School of Law