

ERVIN COHEN & JESSUP PARTNERS BARRY MACNAUGHTON AND MICHAEL MURPHY NAMED TOP LITIGATORS IN LOS ANGELES

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The *Los Angeles Business Journal* today published its list of the “2019 Top Litigators in Los Angeles” naming Ervin Cohen & Jessup Co-Managing Partner Barry MacNaughton and Litigation Partner Michael D. Murphy. Of the more than 350 nominations, only 50 professionals were ultimately selected. The list, according to the publication, includes those lawyers who “go to the proverbial mat to fight for their clients.”

“This recognition is emblematic of the value that Barry and Michael regularly provide our clients on the litigation side,” said firm Co-Managing Partner Randall S. Leff. “Both gentlemen combine trial strategies and business acumen to achieve superior results for our clients.”

Recently, MacNaughton secured a more than \$90 million verdict for an investment firm defrauded on tenant performance in its shopping center acquisition from a power center developer. As lead trial counsel, MacNaughton held the developer accountable through to verdict, securing one of the largest verdicts in Los Angeles County in several years.

Murphy was recognized for his work on matters involving corporate governance disputes, breaches of fiduciary duty, fraud, defamation, the anti-SLAPP statute, trademark and trade dress litigation, among others. Just last month, Murphy obtained, on appeal in the State of New York, an attorney fee award of more than \$1 million against a prominent and well-funded media outlet, which amount was added to the prior \$1.8 million damages judgment previously obtained against the company, arising from a contract dispute with one of its prior premier talents.

This Top Litigators recognition is but one of the many awards that litigators at the Firm have recently received for their litigation capabilities and outstanding results. The Firm is well known in the Los Angeles community for being tough and tenacious business litigators who achieve outstanding results, and who always use a client-centric approach to achieve their clients’ ultimate goals.

PROFESSIONALS

Barry J. MacNaughton

Michael D. Murphy