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Andrew F. Kirtley is a partner at Cotchett Pitre & McCarthy. He specializes in complex commercial litigation and representing consumers in class actions against major corporations, such as Tesla, Google, Bank of America, and property insurers. Over the course of his career, Andrew has represented hundreds of clients in all phases of litigation, including first-chairing dispositive motions, trials, and appeals before multiple state supreme courts. Andrew's legal advocacy has earned him numerous awards, including the 2023 California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) award.

Andrew's representation of clients is informed by his diverse legal and life experience. Before joining CPM, Andrew spent five years in the District of Columbia as an attorney at a high-volume tenants' rights law firm, the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center, and a boutique firm specializing in federal environmental and civil rights litigation. During law school, he completed externships with a federal judge in the Southern District of New York (New York, NY), the U.S. Department of Justice (Washington, DC), the Navajo Nation Department of Justice (Window Rock, AZ), and the Human Rights Law Network's Reproductive Rights Unit (New Delhi, India). Prior to that, Andrew studied music production and engineering at Berklee in Boston and photography at a French-language school in Paris, and worked a variety of service industry jobs including in a bookstore and as a bicycle messenger.

Andrew is active in legal community, serving as a Commissioner on California's Access to Justice Commission and an active member in numerous professional organizations. Outside of work, Andrew enjoys spending time with his partner and dog, traveling, hiking, sailing, and exploring the Bay Area. He lives in San Francisco.

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Practice Areas

Commercial Litigation
Consumer Protection Class
Actions

Education

Northeastern University School of
Law, J.D. (2014)
Vermont Law School, Master of
Environmental Law and Policy
(2014)
Berklee College of Music, B.M.

Clerkships

Judicial Extern for U.S. Magistrate
Judge Ronald L. Ellis of the
Southern District of New York

Admissions

California
District of Columbia
Massachusetts
New York
U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Court of Appeals – 9th Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals – D.C.
Circuit

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Honors & Recognitions

California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) Award (2023)

Super Lawyers, Northern California Rising Star (2023)

Super Lawyers, Northern California Rising Star (2022)

Super Lawyers, Northern California Rising Star (2021)

U.S. District Court – California (all districts)

U.S. District Court – District of Columbia

Community Involvement

Co-Chair, Washington Council of Lawyers 2018–2019 Mentoring Program

Affiliations

Member, American Association for Justice

Member, American Bar Association

Member, American Constitution Society

Member, Consumer Attorneys of California

Member, Federal Bar Association

Member, Public Justice

Member, San Mateo County Bar Association

News

Judge Boots Challenge To San Jose Gun Insurance Edict
Law360, 07.14.2023

Legal challenge against San Jose's gun insurance law dealt serious blow
San Jose Mercury News, 07.14.2023

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Claims Against Bank of America to go Forward for Failing to Protect Unemployed Californians During Pandemic
05.26.2023

A victory for the long-standing milk quota and dairy farmers statewide
Daily Journal, 04.12.2023

Tesla Buyers Ask Calif. Judge To Shut Down 'Full Self Driving'
Law360, 03.23.2023

The San Mateo County Board of Education and the San Mateo Superintendent of Schools File Landmark Suit Against Social Media Companies
03.13.2023

San Jose asks judge to toss challenge to gun insurance law
Reuters, 02.17.2023

Calif. Panel Sides With Restaurant After COVID-19 Settlement
Law360, 01.03.2023

COVID-related losses count for insurance coverage, court rules in case of S.F. grill
San Francisco Chronicle, 12.29.2022

Landmark Ruling in John's Grill Covid-19 Lawsuit
12.28.2022

California Grill Gets Settlement In COVID-19 Case
Law360, 12.16.2022

San Francisco's John's Grill and The Hartford Have Settled Their Hard-Fought Covid-19 Lawsuit
12.15.2022

Decision in John's Grill case sets new precedent for insurance policyholders
San Francisco Business Times, 12.12.2022

Tesla: Our 'failure' to make actual self-driving cars 'is not fraud'
CNN, 12.12.2022

Tesla says its self-driving technology may be a 'failure' — but not fraud
Los Angeles Times, 12.08.2022

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Google Ordered to Yield Ad Bidding Documents in Privacy Lawsuit
Bloomberg Law, 11.04.2022

Tesla Buyers Say Elon Musk Overhyped 'Self-Driving' Tech
Law360, 09.15.2022

Tesla is sued by drivers over alleged false Autopilot, Full Self-Driving claims
Reuters, 09.14.2022

Lawsuit Filed Against Tesla for Allegedly Misleading the Public Regarding its Autopilot and Full Self-Driving Technology
09.14.2022

Judge says she is unlikely to block California city's gun insurance law
Reuters, 07.14.2022

San Jose Gun Insurance Edict Not Ripe For Block, Judge Says
Law360, 07.14.2022

CPM Attorneys Selected to 2022 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List
07.05.2022

Google Must Face Users Claiming Privacy Rift Over Ad Bidding
Bloomberg Law, 06.14.2022

Google privacy lawsuit over ad bidding process to go forward
Reuters, 06.14.2022

How criminals siphoned off unemployment payments directly from recipients' accounts
CNBC, 07.16.2021

17 CPM Attorneys Honored as Northern California Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
07.07.2021

BofA Stolen Unemployment Benefits Suits Consolidated
Law360, 06.11.2021

Federal Judge Comes Down on B of A Over Handling of Fraud Claims of EDD Debit Cards
NBC Los Angeles, 06.03.2021

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Federal Court Issues Preliminary Injunction Against Bank of America, Protects Rights of California's Unemployed
06.01.2021

Bank of America must provide more proof of fraud before freezing EDD accounts, court orders
Los Angeles Times, 06.01.2021

EDD Fraud: Federal Judge Issues Sweeping Injunction Against Bank of America
CBS SF Bay Area, 06.01.2021

SF Judge Likely to Enjoin Bank of America Over Handling of Unemployment Benefits
KPIX, 05.18.2021

Victims of EDD debit card fraud say Bank of America made it too difficult to recoup stolen money
San Francisco Chronicle, 04.03.2021

BofA Must Unfreeze Calif. Unemployment Benefits, Judge Told
Law360, 04.02.2021

San Mateo County Harbor District Wins Trial to Ensure Safety on Johnson Pier in Princeton
02.05.2021

California EDD's mass suspension of accounts hangs over jobless
San Francisco Chronicle, 01.26.2021

EDD unemployment fraud scandal triggers lawsuit against big bank
San Jose Mercury News, 01.15.2021

Class action lawsuit filed against Bank of America for rampant unemployment fraud
ABC 7 News, 01.15.2021

EDD Fraud: Class Action Suit Filed Against Bank of America Over Hacked Unemployment Debit Cards
CBS SF Bay Area, 01.15.2021

Bank of America Sued for Failing to Protect the Accounts of Thousands of Unemployed Californians
01.14.2021

Aided by CPM, the Historic Cliff House San Francisco Restaurant Sues Allianz Insurance and Affiliates
07.29.2020

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CPM Helps Small Family Dairy Farms Obtain Major Victory in California Dairy Civil War
07.29.2020

CPM Helps Steve Wozniak and 17 Fraud Victims Sue YouTube and Google Over Fraudulent "Bitcoin Giveaway" Scam
07.22.2020

Steve Wozniak Leads Suit Against YouTube Over Bitcoin Scam
Law360, 07.22.2020

CPM Helps Family Sue Carnival and Princess Cruises for Intentionally Hiding Knowledge of COVID-19 Before the Cruise Ship Left Port
05.27.2020

Shocking COVID Cover-up: Hollywood Nursing Home Forges Death Certificate to Hide its COVID Problem; CPM Assists Family to Sue for Accountability
05.20.2020

Represented by CPM, Historic John's Grill Sues Hartford Insurance and Affiliates
04.15.2020