



## GARRETT & TULLY

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**Stephen Tully**<sup>†</sup> 2004-2012\*

**Robert Garrett**<sup>\*</sup> 2006-2013\*

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### Garrett & Tully has extensive jury trial and appellate experience in sophisticated, high-stakes litigation. Results speak volumes—a few recent victories are detailed below:

*In re A-Power Securities Litigation*—successful defense of auditors in securities class action seeking recovery of more than \$67 million in damages; Steve Tully and Efren Compean; USDC, C.D. Cal. (August 2013).

*Mosier v. Stonefield*—summary judgment in favor of firm's client in litigation initiated by S.E.C. receiver in alleged Ponzi scheme that raised over \$800 million; Steve Tully, Efren Compean, Trang Tran and Robert Garrett; USDC, C.D. Cal. WL4859635 (July 2013).

*Iskowitz v. Marciano*—final judgment of \$36.25 million arising from defamation of firm's client by well-known clothing designer and real estate investor; Steve Tully and Efren Compean; LASC Case No. BC384493 (June 2013).

*Liberty National Enterprises, L.P. v. Chicago Title Insurance Company*—engaged as amicus curiae by the California Land Title Association on appeal to challenge a jury verdict awarding compensatory damages of \$1 million. In a published opinion, the appellate court reversed the damage award and held that a title insurer is not obligated to defend a lawsuit where

intentional misconduct is alleged, irrespective of whether the insured is actually innocent of the alleged misconduct; Ryan Squire, Robert Garrett and Zi C. Lin; 217 Cal.App.4th 62 (2013).

*Walker v. Ticor*—defense jury verdict affirmed in published opinion in action for alleged complicity in loan fraud scheme brought by 21 plaintiffs in Oakland, CA; \$1.7 million attorneys' fee award in favor of firm's client; Robert Garrett and Candie Chang; 204 Cal. App.4th 363 (2012).

*Fey v. Galletly*—judgment of \$3.9 million in favor of firm's client after obtaining order striking cross-defendant's answer and cross-complaint; Robert Garrett, Ed Racek and Alex Levy; LASC Case No. BC411601 (2013).

*Czajkowski v. Haskell & White*—published opinion affirming defense judgment in favor of firm's client based on statute of limitations and holding it is plaintiff's burden to prove "inability" to discover the facts underlying a cause of action in order to avoid statute of limitations bar; Steve Tully, Ryan Squire and John Greene; 208 Cal.App.4th 166 (2012).

*Dollinger Deanza Assoc. v. Chicago Title Ins. Co.*—engaged by the California Land Title Association to appear as amicus curiae. In a published opinion, the court of appeal held that a "notice of merger" recorded under the Subdivision Map Act did not render title unmarketable; Ryan Squire, Mike Dewberry and Zi C. Lin; 199 Cal.App.4th 1132 (2011).

*Park v. First American Title Co.*—defense jury verdict and published opinion affirming judgment defeating claim of millions of dollars of damages arising from alleged error in recording trust deed purportedly resulting in financial collapse of two motels; Robert Garrett, Ryan Squire and Anna Didak; 201 Cal. App.4th 1418 (2011).

*Kwok v. Transnation Title Ins. Co.*—published opinion affirming summary judgment in favor of title insurer where title was transferred by the insureds for tax planning to LLC as trustees of revocable family trust prior to discovery of easement allegedly interfering with development of property; Robert Garrett, Ryan Squire and Zi C. Lin; 170 Cal. App.4th 1562 (2009).

### The firm prides itself on the ability to successfully prosecute and defend sophisticated, high-exposure matters in state and federal courts, bankruptcy court and on appeal.