

Speaker: Ed Sasaki

Topic: The Basics of Anti-SLAPP Motions for Defendants

Program Description:

What are some of the basic issues that a Defendant should consider before filing an Anti-SLAPP Motion to attack a Complaint?

What categories of public speech and speech-related conduct are protected by the anti-SLAPP statute?

What are some typical situations when anti-SLAPPS succeed or fail?

What are some specific examples of successful and unsuccessful motions?

What are some typical causes of action that may give rise to an anti-SLAPP motion?

Short Biography:

Ed was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. He attended Harvard College and Stanford Law School and clerked for Judge Herbert Y.C. Choy in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

He also served as a research attorney for Justice Steven Vartebedian at the Fifth District Court of Appeal, working on civil and criminal appellate matters?

He worked as a research attorney in the unlimited civil division -- for six years at Orange County Superior Court and for twelve years at Fresno County Superior Court, where he handled an average of 360 motions per year.

As a research attorney, he worked on the full range of civil motions, including demurrers, motions to strike, discovery motions, anti-SLAPP motions, motions for summary judgment, Motions for JOP, new trial motions, motions for JNOV, motions to transfer venue, motions for good faith settlement, administrative writs, and petitions to compel arbitration.

Prior to working as a research attorney, he was a litigation associate with the law firm of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue at their office in Dallas, Texas.

He has also worked for the Los Angeles Unified School District as a science teacher at South Gate Middle School, where he served as chair of the science department. He passed the LAUSD fluency exam in Spanish.