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Enrique A. Monagas is Senior Counsel in the Century City office of Sklar Kirsh, LLP. He practices in the firm's Litigation Practice Group. The Hispanic National Bar Association and the National LGBT Bar Association have each recognized Mr. Monagas as a "Top Lawyer Under 40." *The Recorder* named him as a lawyer on the "Fast Track," recognizing attorneys whose early accomplishments indicate they will be tomorrow's top lawyers and leaders.

Mr. Monagas' practice focuses primarily on business, intellectual property, entertainment, and constitutional matters. He has represented clients before the Supreme Court of the United States, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the California Supreme Court, and other state and federal courts. Representative matters include:

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- **Altamont Capital Management, LLP:** Mr. Monagas successfully represented the managing directors of Altamont Capital in the California Court of Appeal, resulting in the reversal of an adverse judgment that had invalidated the election of corporate directors. (*Morrical v. Rogers* (2013) 220 Cal.App.4th 438.)
- **Chevron Corporation:** Mr. Monagas represented Chevron in federal courts throughout the United States in connection with pending high stakes proceedings stemming from oil operations in Ecuador, including in a successful racketeering suit venued in the Southern District of New York resulting in an injunction barring enforcement of a \$9 billion Ecuadorian judgment. (*Chevron Corp. v. Donziger*, 974 F. Supp. 2d 362 (S.D.N.Y. 2014).)
- **Cisco Systems:** Mr. Monagas represented Cisco Systems in a dispute over Apple's use of the iPhone trademark. Separately, he represented the company in an action enforcing its trade secrets and copyrights against a former employee.
- **California Public Records Act Litigation:** On behalf of the State, Mr. Monagas successfully defended against a petition for writ of mandate before the court of appeal, resulting in a decision expanding the scope of the deliberative process and work product privileges. (*Labor and Workforce Dev. Agency v. Super. Ct.* (2018) 19 Cal.App.5th 12.)
- **Real Estate Litigation:** Mr. Monagas has represented real estate developers and general contractors in an array of litigation matters, ranging from development contract disputes to multi-million dollar construction defect actions.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Monagas served as a Deputy Attorney General at the California Department of Justice and as an associate at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP. While serving as a Deputy Attorney General, Mr. Monagas represented California in federal challenges to the Trump Administration's travel ban and the ban on military service by transgender individuals.

At Gibson Dunn, Mr. Monagas was a core member of the team that secured the landmark victories in the federal challenge to California's ban on same-sex marriage, Proposition 8. (*Hollingsworth v. Perry*, 570 U.S. 693 (2013).) His work is featured in HBO's documentary "The Case Against 8," and the books "Forcing the Spring" and "Redeeming the Dream: The Case for Marriage Equality." In addition, Mr. Monagas was trial counsel for the plaintiffs fighting for the rights of

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disenfranchised children in *Vergara v. California*—the education equality case—which *The Wall Street Journal* editorial board described as “a school reform landmark” and *The New York Times* editorial board described as “open[ing] a new chapter in the equal education struggle” and “underscore[ing] a shameful problem that has cast a long shadow over the lives of children, not just in California but in the rest of the country as well.”

Mr. Monagas is admitted to practice law in the State of California. He has handled cases in states across the country and in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Mr. Monagas currently serves on the Los Angeles County Bar Association’s Judicial Appointments Committee, which responds to the Governor’s requests to evaluate individuals under consideration for appointment to the Superior Court bench.

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