

# MOFO DIVERSITY

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TRIAL LAWYERS

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# YOU SEE A DIVERSE GROUP OF TRIAL LAWYERS. SO DOES THE COURT AND THE JURY.



Morrison Foerster's long-standing leadership in recruiting, training, and advancing women, LGBTQ+, and lawyers of color and different ethnicities means our highly skilled trial teams mirror the diversity of the judges and juries who decide our clients' cases.

At Morrison Foerster, we don't look alike or think alike. For the work that we do—inside and outside the courtroom—that's important.

# PIONEERING DIVERSITY IN THE COURTROOM



**Juries throughout the country are increasingly more diverse; our trial team reflects that diversity.**

– Arturo González

Arturo González leads a strong group of MoFo trial lawyers who reflect the dramatically increasing diversity of the jurors who decide our clients' cases. Arturo was a farmworker in California's Central Valley who became the first in his family to graduate from college. After graduating from Harvard Law School in 1985, he became the firm's first Latino partner at the age of 31. Arturo might also be the first practicing attorney to admit the key to winning cases is not solely about building the case around the law

Much of Arturo's success is attributed to his ability to connect and engage with the jury. He may be the only lawyer in the country to obtain defense victories for clients in multiple billion dollar matters and also four jury verdicts in excess of \$10 million, including verdicts of \$39.3 and \$13.8 million in trade secrets cases. In the *Uber v. Waymo* trial,

he led a MoFo trial team that won a favorable settlement after four days of trial, after defeating a motion for preliminary injunction that sought to halt Uber's autonomous-vehicle program.

Arturo takes pride in his ability to distill technical and complicated facts into plain English and relatable metaphors that jurors will understand. It is this unique skill that enables him to successfully represent clients on their high-stakes, bet-the-company trial work. For example, when Arturo landed a \$36.3 million verdict in *Hansen Medical v. Luna Innovations Inc.*, he was able to persuade the jurors that Hansen Medical was the wronged party by comparing Luna's breach of contract to an unfaithful partner in a relationship. In *Uber v. Waymo*, Arturo avoided complicated jargon and repeatedly emphasized that "these aren't trade secrets" and "they never made it to





Uber.” Arturo recognizes that appealing to the jurors’ moral compass, and building the case around whether something is right or wrong, is fundamental to success in the courtroom.

Arturo has worked on more than 100 pro bono cases, securing record-setting settlements for his clients, including a \$12.5 million verdict for a Fresno family, the highest amount awarded by a California jury for a police shooting. Recognizing the importance of ensuring continued diversity in the courtroom, Arturo is committed to mentoring the next generation of diverse trial lawyers at Morrison Foerster, and beyond. In addition to his regular practice, Arturo helped establish the González Pre-Law Academy at his alma mater UC Davis for underrepresented students interested in attending law school and pursuing a career in the legal field.

## **Arturo is one of the few lawyers in the U.S. to be a member of the top three invitation-only trial lawyer bodies:**

- American College of Trial Lawyers
- American Board of Trial Advocates
- International Academy of Trial Lawyers

# DELIVERING SUCCESS FOR OUR CLIENTS

We have tried and won hundreds of bet-the-company cases for our clients—these successes were largely driven by the unique perspectives of our trial teams. In case after case, our diverse trial teams have demonstrated that they understand how to dismantle complex cases and win. recent examples include:



We won a defense verdict for LAX in a breach-of-contract action by a contractor claiming millions of dollars in lost profits resulting from the canceled sale of fire trucks to three of the busiest U.S. airports: Atlanta, which settled for \$200,000; San Francisco, which settled for \$2 million; and our client, LAX, which paid nothing.



Representing Whirlpool, a leading manufacturer and marketer of home appliances, we won a federal jury verdict in Whirlpool's favor. The jury awarded Whirlpool multi-millions in damages, finding that TST Water, a manufacturer of water filtration products, had willfully infringed on a patent for refrigerator water filters.

The jury determined that Whirlpool's patent was valid and that TST's Whirlpool refrigerator-compatible water filters, sold under the brand name WaterSentinel, infringed on all seven claims at issue in the matter.



We defended Blue Coat, a subsidiary of Symantec Corporation, against Finjan Holdings, Inc., in a 10-patent suit in the Northern District of California relating to network security technology. Our team obtained summary judgment of noninfringement on two of the patents; voluntary dismissal of two patents prior to trial; a noninfringement verdict at trial on two patents; and a finding of infringement, but no willfulness, on two patents, with damages significantly lower than those in prior litigation. The jury was hung on two of the patents, which were retried, resulting in a mistrial followed by a favorable settlement.

# A WINNING RECORD

*Corporate Counsel* names mofo Best Outside Counsel for Big Litigation, 2018 survey.

*U.S. News & World Report – Best Lawyers* ranks MoFo in the Top Tier nationwide in 14 litigation practice areas in its 2017 “Best Law Firms” rankings.

*National Law Journal* 2016 Intellectual Property Hot List names MoFo to its selection of 15 firms that have “demonstrated creative, formidable talent in litigation, patent prosecution and deal-making.”

Annual 2015 *BTI Litigation Outlook* report recognizes MoFo as an “Awesome Opponent,” one of the 10 firms that in-house counsel most feared seeing across the table in litigation.

*Law360* names MoFo a top Litigation Powerhouse in 2016.

*Law360* puts two MoFo trial teams on its “Legal Lions” list in 2017.

22 individual rankings awarded to our diverse trial lawyers by *Legal 500*, *Chambers*, and *Best Lawyers*.

Featured in *National Law Journal*’s “Winning” showcase three years in a row.

# LEADING TRIAL LAWYERS SPOTLIGHT

As a destination firm for high-stakes litigation, Morrison Foerster attracts leading diverse legal talent, including those seeking to work on today's most challenging and interesting cases.



**Trial teams need to reflect the diversity of the witnesses, juries, and the bench. The best trial teams are comprised of diverse attorneys who can challenge each other, question assumptions, and have vigorous strategy debates.**

– Carrie H. Cohen

**Carrie H. Cohen**, a former federal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York and former state prosecutor in the New York State Attorney General's Office, has a distinguished record of success in the courtroom, handling high-stakes litigation with a focus on white-collar and

securities cases. Carrie has tried more than twelve civil and criminal cases to verdict. She has also handled numerous appeals before the Second Circuit. Carrie is regularly recognized for her trial experience and white collar defense and government investigations and timing, [who] knows how to present complex cases





in a digestible way.” She also is a recognized expert in public corruption and state and local government and currently is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Pennsylvania Law School where she teaches a seminar on Public Corruption and the Law. Carrie received the inaugural Shira A. Scheindlin Award for Excellence in the Courtroom from by the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) and the New York State Attorney General’s Louis J. Lefkowitz Memorial Award for outstanding service. Carrie was also named to City & State New York’s Law Power 100 list and was among those named as Notable Women in Law in the 2021 edition of Crain’s New York Business for her significant contributions to the legal community and her dedication to raising the bar for women in the legal industry. Carrie serves as a member of the New York City Bar’s Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice, where she created and now co-chairs its global Women in the Profession program. She also

co-authored the acclaimed NYSBA report adopted by the American Bar Association “If Not Now, When? Achieving Equality for Women Attorneys in the Courtroom and in ADR” and the follow-up report adopted by the House of Delegates “The Time is Now: Achieving Equality for Women Attorneys in the Courtroom and in ADR.” Most recently, she helped launch the “When There are Nine Scholarship Project” in honor of the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg, which will provide financial and mentoring support to women law students. Carrie is a bar leader serving as a Vice President of the Federal Bar Council and Treasurer of its Inn of Court as well as the former chair of the NYC Bar Executive Committee and its Women in the Profession Committee, and also currently co-chairs Morrison Foerster’s Women’s Strategy Committee and the firm’s Workplace Misconduct Investigations Task Force.



# WINNING VOICES



“Being a diverse trial lawyer is a privilege and an advantage. I am grateful for the opportunity to represent clients in court, especially given how few from my background are afforded the opportunity for such high-profile clients and matters. Moreover,

in my view, having come from a diverse ethnic and socioeconomic background and being a woman and mother to young children, I can talk to and relate to diverse audiences in a genuine way, including witnesses and jurors.”

Alexis Amezcua, Litigation Partner



“As a first generation college and law school graduate, I understand firsthand how the legal system can seem impenetrable, but the key to success at trial is the ability to tell a story in a way that resonates with those sitting in

the jury box. Having participated in criminal and civil trials since the earliest days of my career, I quickly learned that favorable results happen most often when juries and witnesses can relate to the faces behind the counsel table. A diverse trial team has a broader range of experiences and perspectives from which to draw when formulating a presentation that connects with the variety of experiences found within a courtroom audience. My ability to advocate effectively for clients is rooted in my ability to connect with people, which is a direct result of my upbringing in an immigrant family whose members faced a wide range of economic, educational, and social experiences.”

Demme Doufekias, Litigation Partner



“Being a diverse lawyer means understanding—and, when necessary, challenging—stereotypes and assumptions. Being a diverse lawyer also means helping other diverse lawyers understand and challenge these same

stereotypes and assumptions, and mentoring them so that they can be the best lawyers they can be.”

Richard Hung, Co-Chair, IP Litigation Group



“My upbringing helps me relate to folks from various backgrounds, from employees at the very foundational levels of the organization all the way up to the C-suite. I bring to my work an appreciation for the opportunity to be a lawyer

and the perspective that everyone can add value and that everyone’s views should be considered. My life experience helps make me a more credible and effective advocate, whether it be in a courtroom or a business meeting, and it is the defining factor in the lawyer I am today.”

Eric Akira Tate, Co-Chair, Global Employment & Labor Group



“Being able to bring different perspectives, approaches, and styles to trial teams allows us to best present our clients’ cases to judges and juries. In my experience, jurors and judges pay close attention to the make-up of a trial team, maybe

because they connect better with a diverse attorney or perhaps because they like to see and hear from people of different backgrounds and genders. Regardless of the reason, we serve our clients and the legal community most effectively when we try cases with diverse trial teams.”

Jamie Levitt, Managing Partner of New York Office



“The ability to connect with all types of jurors in the courtroom is an important advantage. As a woman of color who also spent considerable time motivating people from all walks of life in my prior career as an organizer, I have a unique ability

to relate to jurors and witnesses, to communicate complicated technical and business issues in everyday language, and to gain jurors’ trust.”

Wendy Ray, Litigation Partner

# DIVERSITY WINS IN THE COURTROOM

We have a track record of winning high-stakes litigation. From complex consumer class actions to shareholder disputes to bet-the-company intellectual property cases to white-collar criminal and regulatory matters, our fully integrated and diverse [partners and senior counsel](#) work across offices and practices to position our clients for the best possible outcome.



**Alexis Amezcua**  
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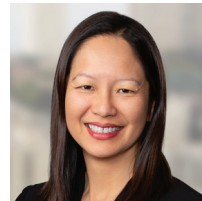
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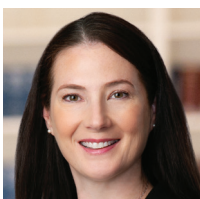
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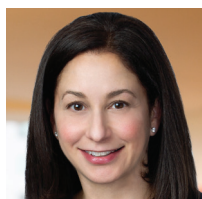
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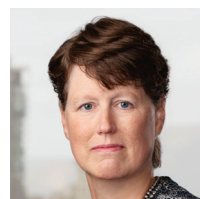
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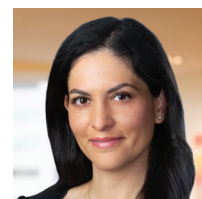
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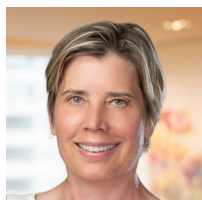
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# OUR DIFFERENCES MAKE US BETTER

We are accomplished litigators who come from diverse social, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds. We believe that celebrating our different perspectives makes us better trial lawyers, and, in turn, we are better able to serve our clients and communities.

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**Diverse Litigators  
And Counting.**

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**First-Chaired  
Jury Trials Across  
The Country.**





