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The law firm of Salehi & Associates specializes in Plaintiff Litigation related to:

- Serious and catastrophic personal injuries.
- Significant business disputes.
- Entertainment-related disputes.
- Class actions.

Because of our intense focus on reaching a positive outcome, we are selective in the cases we accept. However, clients and referral sources know that when we accept a case, we are diligent and unremitting in seeking a successful result.

Our clients' best interest is at the forefront at Salehi & Associates, P.C. Our goal is to develop an unparalleled sensitivity to our clients' objectives and an exhaustive understanding of the issues and concerns implicated by the problems and controversies brought to our attention.

At Salehi & Associates, P.C., we strive to keep pace with our clients' varied needs by being cognizant of the realities of the world in which we live. We often achieve success by providing innovative legal and consulting solutions that are pragmatic as they are effective.

We endeavor to be both counselors and confidants to clients during emotionally difficult personal injury cases.

Personal Injury Litigation

One of our core areas of expertise is personal injury litigation. We have been successful in obtaining large awards for our clients, either through verdicts or settlements in tough and complex cases.

Personal injury refers to any damage that happens to your body or your mind. Physical damage can be caused by and include:

- **Auto Accidents** – Any harm caused by a moving vehicle.
- **Toxic Torts** – Any health problem or death that stems from environmental causes such as lead paint, asbestos, radon, mold or other toxic substances.
- **Product Liability** – Any injury stemming from a defective product.
- **Wrongful Death** – Death caused through the fault and/or negligence of another party.
- **Brain Injury** – Any trauma to the head which affects the brain, causing permanent mental or physical damage.
- **Assault and Battery** – Any threat or touching of another person with intent to cause bodily injury to that person against their will.
- **Premises Liability** – Any accident that occurs due to the negligent maintenance or unsafe conditions upon property owned by someone other than the accident victim. This includes a slip and fall, which is an injury that occurs when someone slips, trips or falls as a result of a dangerous or hazardous condition.

Mental damage refers to incidents where there may not be physical damage, however there is psychological harm which can result from:

- Sexual Molestation
- Sexual Assault
- Rape
- Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress



Business Litigation

We have had noteworthy success handling significant business disputes on behalf of plaintiffs. Our work involves protecting a client's rights when transactions in the business arena have gone awry, including:

- Breach of contract
- Ownership disputes
- Collection on large balances

Entertainment-Related Litigation

We handle entertainment-related disputes for a range of professionals including talent agents, managers, writers, producers, actors, musicians, etc.

This can include disputes in the areas of:

- Ownership, e.g. movie rights
- Intellectual Property, e.g., copyright and trademark
- Royalty disputes, e.g., monies actually owed

Class Actions

We represent clients in a range of class action cases. A class action is a lawsuit that allows a large number of people with a common interest in a matter to sue as a group. Typical lawsuits include:

- Securities
- Anti-trust
- Telecommunications
- Pharmaceuticals
- Consumer Protection
- Wage and Hour
- Product Liability

“Mr. Palehi exhibits an unrivaled determination and tenacity in representing his clients.”

Jack Schular, ABOTA Member



Much of our work is referred by other attorneys who know we can get the job done. They know we will not settle for less, if our client deserves more. We often tackle matters that others have declined.

Using an entrepreneurial and flexible approach, we spearhead a team of resources, which is customized to each individual case to ensure the best resolution. These resources include:

- A strategic association with American Board of Trial Attorneys (ABOTA) members who have over 30 years of trial experience.
- A strategic alliance with expert jury consultants.
- A strategic alliance with a team of private investigators and expert witnesses.

Our attorney-colleagues refer us because they know we are efficient, as well as effective.

The following illustrates some of our successes in difficult cases:

- A young child was exposed to low levels of lead paint, developing mental retardation and a severe case of autism. Several high profile L.A. attorneys refused to accept this case, feeling the evidence was too weak, but we took it on. We demonstrated that the latest scientific research shows a correlation between low levels of lead poisoning and autism. The original settlement offer was \$5,000. The case was settled for \$1,000,000.
- Our client, a manager, brokered a seven-figure movie deal with 20th Century Fox for a writer he represented, who then refused to pay citing that our client was in violation of the Talent Agency Act, thus entitled to no monies. In addition he counter-sued our client for fraud. We settled the case for \$75,000, and had the case against our client dismissed.
- A 5-year old girl was molested by an employee at the thrift shop where her mother worked. The shop's proceeds went to a religious organization, a separate corporate entity. The mother was unaware that the employee was a convicted sexual molester. After the child was molested, the thrift shop tried to distance itself from the religious organization and alleged that it had no assets. Initially, the defendants would not pay our clients' claims and threatened to file a counter-suit. The initial offer was zero dollars plus the threat of a malicious prosecution action. We settled the suit for \$260,000.
- In a complex litigation matter, we sued on behalf of a businessman. Over two decades earlier, he and his partner had come to the United States. His partner returned to Iran to sell their business, agreeing to pay our client a salary until the business was sold, then he would give him half of the proceeds. After two years, the salary stopped coming. His partner sold the business, came to the U.S., enjoying an affluent lifestyle and refused to give his former partner any portion of the proceeds. By prevailing in the California Court of Appeals, we overcame a challenge to the statute of limitations by arguing that the clock stopped while the partner was out of the country, and therefore tolling the statute of limitations. The defendant then tried to hide his assets. In conclusion, we obtained over \$80,000 for our client.

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Biography of Amir S. Salehi, Esq.



As one of the youngest graduates in his Pepperdine University law school class, Mr. Salehi was 24 years old when he graduated, passed the California State Bar exam, and started the practice of law at the Los Angeles firm of Fredricks & Von der Horst, where he specialized in business and entertainment litigation. After a series of successes in several large and complex litigation matters, Mr. Salehi established his own firm in 2003.

Mr. Salehi is an active member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, Beverly Hills Bar Association, and American Trial Lawyers Association. He is also involved as a volunteer and leader in the Free Arts for Abused Children program based in Los Angeles.