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Ernest D. Faitos is Of Counsel in Selman Breitman's San Francisco office and is a member of the firm's Toxic Tort/Environmental and Insurance practice groups. Ernest represents manufacturers, retailers, distributors, and insurers in asbestos and other insurance matters, including cases arising out of claimed exposures to asbestos and insurance coverage questions and disputes. Ernest's clients include floor manufacturers, automotive retailers, small businesses, and a wide variety of individuals and businesses involved in insurance matters. He has experience in defending civil malpractice suits, products liability suits, personal injury claims, and business contract litigation in disputes that involve complex multi-party litigation.

Ernest has completed 41 jury trials through verdict. His decades-long experience in General Liability provides him a keen ability to assess each aspect of litigation to determine how it furthers a client's interest in settlement or trial. His extensive trial experience provides him the ability to keep the client's goal of resolution or trial at the forefront of every stage of litigation. He works closely with clients, to make sure he understands what each individual client needs to have accomplished in any lawsuit. He works to secure his client's interests beyond the lawsuit, including at times obtaining wage garnishments and property liens when necessary.

Prior to joining the Selman Breitman firm, Ernest practiced in a variety of areas, including catastrophic injury actions, product liability matters including nationally-coordinated product liability actions, toxic tort matters, automotive personal injury actions, bad faith litigation, product liability, professional malpractice claims, and breach of contract actions.

Ernest is a former criminal prosecutor and criminal defense attorney. He was an Assistant District Attorney in Fairbanks, Alaska, and Assistant District Attorney and Assistant Attorney General in Barrow, Alaska. He has tried felony cases to jury verdict as a public defender. He has practiced in both state and federal courts.

He received a B.A. in Political Science (1980) (Dean's List) and a J.D. (1983). He is admitted to practice in the trial and appellate courts of California and Alaska, and in Federal Court.

Ernest is originally from Santa Cruz, California, and presently resides in San Francisco, California. When not helping clients with their legal needs he spends his time reading, traveling, running, and swimming.

BAR ADMISSIONS

California, 1985
Alaska, 1983
U.S. Federal Courts

EDUCATION

University of California at Davis
School of Law, J.D., 1983

University of California, Davis,
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Dean's List
Major: Political Science

AWARDS & AFFILIATIONS

Defense Research Institute
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