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In his 30 years of legal experience starting in the Bronx, New York District Attorney's Office where he prosecuted violent felons and murderers to Partner in a major New York Firm, to Acting General Counsel in a major international corporation, to starting his own law firm in Los Angeles, California in 1995, Jim Yukevich has done it all.



With over 100 jury trials in venues across the United States, many lasting over 2 months, Mr. Yukevich has earned a reputation in the legal community as an honest, trustworthy, and tenacious litigator and trial lawyer. He is known for his keen ability to cross-examine opposing expert witnesses, and construct complex factual, scientific, and legal issues into unambiguous and straightforward narratives for both judges and jurors.

Mr. Yukevich fears no judge, opposing counsel, courtroom, or complicated case. A skilled negotiator, he delivers optimal results for his clients in mediations and settlement discussions. If attempts at resolution fail, he has repeatedly tried and won the most difficult and challenging cases.

In contested liability cases, Mr. Yukevich has achieved an impressive win rate, exceeding 90%, and has acted as regional and national coordinating counsel for Fortune 500 companies. His courtroom successes have been recognized among the Top 20 Defense Verdicts each year from 2009-2015, and 2017-2019.

Over 25 years ago, Mr. Yukevich founded his Firm with the clear goal of providing each client a special level of service and outstanding results in civil litigation defense—this simple commitment to highly personalized expertise remains at the core of Yukevich | Cavanaugh today.

• EDUCATION

- » Boston College Law School, Juris Doctor
- » Boston College, Bachelor of Arts

ADMISSIONS

- » California
- » New York
- » Massachusetts
- » USDC Central District of California
- » USDC Eastern District of California
- » USDC Northern District of California
- » USDC Southern District of California
- » USDC Northern District of New York
- » USDC Northern District of Illinois
- » USDC District of Arizona

ASSOCIATIONS



of Trial Advocates



- » American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)
- » Member, Trial Law Institute
- » Member, Diversity Law Institute
- » Association of Automotive Medicine
- » Society of Automotive Engineers
- » Federation of Corporate and Defense Counsel
- » Southern California Defense Counsel
- » American Trial Lawyers Association
- » American Society for Testing and Materials
- » Fellow, American Bar Association
- » Who's Who Legal California
- » Who's Who Legal, Business Lawyers
- » National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel
- » Product Liability Advisory Counsel
- » International Who's Who of Product Liability Lawyers
- » DRI

• ACCOLADES



- » Senior Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America
- » Los Angeles Business Journal: 2021 Leaders of Influence: Litigators and Trial Lawyers
- » Los Angeles Business Journal: Top Litigators & Trial Attorneys in Los Angeles
- » Los Angeles Business Journal: 2020 Leaders of Influence: Litigators and Trial Lawyers
- » Daily Journal Top Defense Verdicts
 - » 2019 · 2018 · 2017 · 2015 · 2014 · 2013 · 2012 · 2010 · 2009

- » 2020 · 2019 · 2018 · 2017 · 2016 · 2015 · 2014 · 2013 · 2012 · 2011 · 2010 · 2009 · 2008 · 2007 · 2006 · 2005 · 2004
- » Best Lawyers[©] 2015 Lawyer of the Year, Product Liability Litigation Defendants, Los Angeles
- » Best Lawyers in America®
 - » 2022 · 2021 · 2020 · 2019 · 2018 · 2017 · 2016 · 2015 · 2014 · 2013 · 2012 · 2011 · 2010 · 2009 · 2008

• REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

» Gardner v. American Honda Motor Co. Inc.
Orange County Superior Court, Orange County, CA – March 25, 2024
» Ramon Tinoco Lopez v. Michelin North America Inc.
Los Angeles County Superior Court, Los Angeles County, CA – March 22, 2024
» Camacho v. R.D. Olson Construction, Inc.
Orange County Superior Court, Orange County, CA – Aug 29, 2019
» Lainez v. STAT Services, Inc.
Orange County Superior Court, Orange County, CA – Aug 20, 2019
» Aslan v. Ferrari North America, Inc.
United States District Court, Los Angeles, CA – April 24, 2019
» Johnson v. Systems XT, Inc.
California Court of Appeal, Second District, Los Angeles, CA – March 27, 2019
» Herbert v. Takata Corporation
San Bernardino Superior Court, San Bernardino, CA – March 16, 2017
» Khosh, Al v. Staples Construction Company
California Court of Appeal, Second District, Los Angeles, CA – October 27, 2016
» Jensen v. BNSF
United States District Courthouse, San Francisco, CA – November 6, 2015
» Marquez v. Chevron U.S.A, Inc. et. al.
Santa Monica Superior Court, Santa Monica, CA – October 6, 2014
» Osborne v. Todd Farm Service, et al.
Ventura Superior Court, Ventura, CA – July 30, 2014
» Acuna v. Riddell, Inc.
Stanley Mosk Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA – March 20, 2014
» Sohn v. Easton-Bell Sports, Inc.
Van Nuys Superior Court, Van Nuys, CA – August 15, 2013
» Pillars v. BNSF Railway Co.
Norwalk Superior Court, Norwalk, CA – May 9, 2013
» Petitpas v. Ford Motor Company
Stanley Mosk Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA – August, 2012
» Padilla v. Enterprise Rent-A-Car Company
United States District Court, Los Angeles, CA – 2012
» Steiner v. Ford Motor Company et. al.
Santa Barbara Superior Court, Santa Barbara, CA – October 3, 2011
» Charles v. Mountain View Mobile Home Estates
San Bernardino Superior Court, San Bernardino, CA – 2011

» Rodriguez v. General Dynamics Armament and Technical Products, Inc. United States District Court, Honolulu, HI - November 30, 2010 » Eubanks v. KBC America Inc. Stanley Mosk Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA – November 23, 2010 » Bostani v. Whitehall St. et. al. San Diego Superior Court North Division, Vista, CA – August 20, 2010 » Houck v. Enterprise Rent-A-Car Co. Alameda Superior Court, Alameda, CA – June 1, 2010 » Zhao v. Cox Enterprises, Inc. Verdicts & Decisions - 2010 » Harsha v. ServiceMaster Co. et. al. San Bernardino Superior Court, San Bernardino, CA – February 1, 2010 » Novak v. Pizza Hut, Inc. San Diego Superior Court, San Diego, CA – January 4, 2010 » Goebel v. Ford Motor Company Stanley Mosk Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA – November 23, 2009 » Deal v. Michelin North America, Inc. United States District Court, Las Vegas, NV - April 21, 2009 » Jones v. American Honda Motor Co., Inc. Central Civil West Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA – March 13, 2009 » Keddington v. Michelin North America, Inc. March 3, 2008 » Gaudry v. Honda Motor Co., Ltd. Burbank Superior Court, Burbank, CA – December 24, 2007 » Arroyo v. Ford Motor Company Miami-Dade County Court, Miami, FL – October 2, 2007 » Baez v. L&L Machinery Inc Rancho Cucamonga Superior Court, Rancho Cucamonga, CA – February 11, 2007 » Delloro v. Michelin North America, Inc. Los Angeles, California – August 18, 2006 » Wheeler v. The Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railroad Company Orange County Central Justice Center, Santa Ana, CA – 2006 » Hidaka/Hartman v. Michelin North America, Inc. Verdicts & Decisions - 2006 » Cabrera v. Isuzu Motors, Ltd. Central Civil West Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA – October 1, 2005 » Parks v. Michelin North America et. al. Riverside Superior Court, Riverside, CA – March 14, 2005 » Tepei v. Michelin North America Lewis County Court, Chehalis, WA – April 23, 2004 » Knott's Berry Farm v. Togo International Orange County Central Justice Center, Santa Ana, CA – October 29, 2003 » Watts v. Ford Motor Company Sacramento County Superior Court, Sacramento, CA – October 1, 2003 » Reyes v. Hyundai Motor Company Orange County Superior Court, Santa Ana, CA - October 1, 2001 » Carver v. Michelin North America San Diego Superior Court, San Diego, CA – September 4, 2001

- » Vandenburg v. Honda Research & Development Co.
 Orange County Superior Court, Santa Ana, CA November 21, 2000
 » Jenkins v. Hyundai Motor Company
 - Rancho Cucamonga Superior Court, Rancho Cucamonga, CA October 1, 1997
- » Park v. Mazda Motor Corporation Riverside Superior Court, Riverside, CA – October 1, 1995
- » Moore v. American Honda Motor Co., Inc. San Francisco Superior Court, San Francisco, CA – October 1, 1993