

Representative Matters

- **Plunkett v. Fox Head, Inc.**
Yukevich | Cavanaugh achieved a significant victory for its client, motocross leader Fox Head, Inc. ("Fox")
United States District Court, Southern District of California, San Diego – October 2, 2019
[Thomas Borncamp](#), [Hassan Elrakabawy](#)
- **Camacho v. R.D. Olson Construction, Inc.**
Yukevich | Cavanaugh achieved a significant victory for general contractor R.D. Olson Construction, Inc.
Orange County Superior Court, Orange County, CA – Aug 29, 2019
[James J. Yukevich](#), [Patrick J. Cimmarusti](#), [Michael D. Johnson](#)
- **Lainez v. STAT Services, Inc.**
Yukevich | Cavanaugh achieved a noteworthy victory for water damage remediation company STAT Services, Inc.
Orange County Superior Court, Orange County, CA – Aug 20, 2019
[James J. Yukevich](#), [Patrick J. Cimmarusti](#), [Michael D. Johnson](#)
- **Aslan v. Ferrari North America, Inc.**
Federal jury renders a unanimous defense verdict in less than 25 minutes following a six-day trial.
United States District Court, Los Angeles, CA – April 24, 2019
[James J. Yukevich](#), [Cristina M. Ciminelli](#), [Jeffrey W. Caligiuri](#)
- **Johnson v. Systems XT, Inc.**
Yukevich | Cavanaugh achieves a significant Motion for Summary Judgment victory.
California Court of Appeal, Second District, Los Angeles, CA – March 27, 2019
[James J. Yukevich](#), [Raymond H. Hua](#), [Michael D. Johnson](#)
- **Sailors v. City of Fresno; SMG Holdings, Inc., et al.**
Yukevich | Cavanaugh affirms a significant Motion for Summary Judgment victory in quadriplegic case.
California Court of Appeals, Fifth District - Fresno, CA – March 20, 2019
[Patrick J. Cimmarusti](#)
- **Wisdom v. Easton Diamond Sports, LLC**
Yukevich | Cavanaugh achieves a significant victory for Easton Diamond Sports, LLC in a purported class action.
United States District Court, Los Angeles, CA – February 11, 2019
[Thomas Borncamp](#), [Catherine L. Carlisle](#)
- **Gross v. Rolando Lazatin et al.**
Yukevich | Cavanaugh achieves a significant Motion for Summary Judgment victory.
United States District Court, Los Angeles, CA – January 4, 2019
[Cristina M. Ciminelli](#)
- **Capps et. al. v. Safariland, LLC**

Yukevich | Cavanaugh obtains a full defense verdict.

Stanley Mosk Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA – March 12, 2018

[Steven D. Smelser](#)

- Linares v. Crown Equipment Corporation
Federal jury renders a unanimous defense verdict in less than 45 minutes following a seven-day trial.
United States District Court, Riverside, CA – February 28, 2018
[Todd A. Cavanaugh](#)
- Tieu v. Sina International, Inc.
Admitted liability bus accident resulting in fatal injuries to a passenger. Secured favorable verdict after jury trial.
Riverside Superior Court, Riverside, California – February 16, 2018
- Michel v. Safariland LLC, et al.
Yukevich | Cavanaugh achieves a significant victory as the court granted a Motion for Summary Judgment dismissing all claims against Safariland.
United States District Court, San Diego, CA – October 31, 2017
[Steven D. Smelser](#)
- Herod v. PDC et al.
Yukevich | Cavanaugh achieves a significant Motion for Summary Judgment victory.
Alameda Superior Courthouse, Alameda, CA – August 31, 2017
[Cristina M. Ciminelli](#)
- Grossman v. The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District
Yukevich | Cavanaugh achieves a significant Motion for Summary Judgment victory.
Santa Monica Superior Court, Santa Monica, CA – April 20, 2017
[Cristina M. Ciminelli](#)
- Currie v. Ford Motor Company
Jury returns unanimous defense verdict in mesothelioma case.
Pasadena Superior Court, Pasadena, CA – March 22, 2017
[Steven D. Smelser](#), [Jacquelyn J. Sugapong](#)
- Herbert v. Takata Corporation
Jury gives full defense verdict in seat belt case.
San Bernardino Superior Court, San Bernardino, CA – March 16, 2017
[James J. Yukevich](#), [Michael D. Johnson](#)
- Khosh, Al v. Staples Construction Company
Yukevich Cavanaugh Prevails in Published Appellate Opinion – No Recovery Granted Under Privette Doctrine.
California Court of Appeal, Second District, Los Angeles, CA – October 27, 2016
[James J. Yukevich](#), [Cristina M. Ciminelli](#), [Patrick J. Cimmarusti](#)
- Cervantes v. Nijjar Realty, Inc.
Arbitrator rejects former employee's claim of retaliation. Defense verdict.
Los Angeles, CA – June 30, 2016

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- Jensen v. BNSF
Federal jury returns with a defense verdict for BNSF Railway Co.
United States District Courthouse, San Francisco, CA – November 6, 2015
James J. Yukevich, Cristina M. Ciminelli
- Caro v. MPN-14
Norwalk, CA – December 1, 2014
Cristina M. Ciminelli
- Hendelman v. Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, LLC et al.
Alleged brain injury arising from snowmobile accident. Favorable settlement two weeks into jury trial.
Mammoth Lakes Court, Mammoth Lakes, CA – November 10, 2014
- Marquez v. Chevron U.S.A, Inc. et. al.
Santa Monica Jury Rejects Asbestos Claim Against Landowner. Defense verdict.
Santa Monica Superior Court, Santa Monica, CA – October 6, 2014
James J. Yukevich
- Osborne v. Todd Farm Service, et al.
Judge Grants Motion for Terminating Sanctions and Dismisses Entire Action with Prejudice During Plaintiff's Case-in-Chief.
Ventura Superior Court, Ventura, CA – July 30, 2014
James J. Yukevich, Cristina M. Ciminelli, Patrick J. Cimmarusti
- Acuna v. Riddell, Inc.
Helmet maker not to blame in football player's injury. Defense verdict.
Stanley Mosk Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA – March 20, 2014
James J. Yukevich, Thomas Borncamp, David A. Turner
- Garcia v. Ford Motor Company
Defense Verdict in multiple-vehicle accident, alleged design defect in restraints system and crashworthiness, plaintiffs alleged neck, spine and rib fractures.
Torrance Superior Court, Torrance, CA – September 26, 2013
Steven D. Smelser
- Sohn v. Easton-Bell Sports, Inc.
Easton-Bell Sports bike helmet found safe at trial. Defense verdict.
Van Nuys Superior Court, Van Nuys, CA – August 15, 2013
James J. Yukevich, Thomas Borncamp, David A. Turner
- Pillars v. BNSF Railway Co.
Improper body mechanics caused injury. Defense verdict.
Norwalk Superior Court, Norwalk, CA – May 9, 2013
James J. Yukevich, Cristina M. Ciminelli
- Kransky v. DePuy Orthopaedics Inc.
Plaintiff alleged defective metal hip caused severe physical injury.

March, 2013 , Alexander Calfo

- Runflat America, LLC v. Michelin North America, Inc. et al.
Shareholder derivative action alleging trade libel, interference with contractual relations, and violation of California Unfair Competition Law. Result: Demurrer sustained without leave to amend and affirmed on appeal.
Stanley Mosk Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA – December 18, 2012
[Todd A. Cavanaugh](#)
- Petitpas v. Ford Motor Company
Plaintiff alleged asbestos bystander exposure. Defense verdict.
Stanley Mosk Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA – August, 2012
[James J. Yukevich](#), [Steven D. Smelser](#)
- McGowan v. Par 3 Landscape Corporation
Admitted-liability case in which plaintiff sought damages for neck/back injuries, leading to cervical fusion surgery. Result: Verdict of \$85,000.
Las Vegas Justice Center, Las Vegas, NV
[Todd A. Cavanaugh](#)
- Padilla v. Enterprise Rent-A-Car Company
United States District Court, Los Angeles, CA – 2012
[James J. Yukevich](#), [Cristina M. Ciminelli](#)
- Goldberg v. Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company et al.
Wrongful death action arising out of a plane crash. Plaintiffs alleged a hotel concierge negligently referred guests to air charter company. Defense verdict.
Long Beach Superior Court, Long Beach, CA – July 1, 2012
[Thomas Borncamp](#) , Alexander Calfo
- Imaging Advisor, Inc. v. General Plastic Industrial Co., Ltd.
Alleged breach of consulting contract, where plaintiff alleged in excess of \$4 million in damages. Favorable judgment after bench trial.
Orange County, California – 2012
- Pappalardo v. Easton-Bell Sports, Inc. et al.
Putative federal class action brought by parents who purchased composite youth baseball bats. Suit alleged false advertising, consumer fraud, and breach of warranties. Case dismissed at pleading stage.
United States District Court, New Jersey – December 23, 2011
[Thomas Borncamp](#)
- Steiner v. Ford Motor Company et. al.
Santa Barbara Superior Court, Santa Barbara, CA – October 3, 2011
[James J. Yukevich](#)
- Charles v. Mountain View Mobile Home Estates
San Bernardino Superior Court, San Bernardino, CA – 2011
[James J. Yukevich](#), [Cristina M. Ciminelli](#)

- Morrison v. Ford Motor Company
Jury sides with Ford Motor Company in asbestos suit. Defense Verdict.
Stanley Mosk Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA – May 20, 2011
[Steven D. Smelser](#) , Alexander Calfo
- Rodriguez v. General Dynamics Armament and Technical Products, Inc.
United States District Court, Honolulu, HI – November 30, 2010
[James J. Yukevich](#), [Cristina M. Ciminelli](#)
- Eubanks v. KBC America Inc.
Jury Rejects Parents' Lawsuit Against Helmet Maker. Defense Verdict.
Stanley Mosk Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA – November 23, 2010
[James J. Yukevich](#), [Delmar S. Thomas](#)
- Bostani v. Whitehall St. et. al.
San Diego Superior Court North Division, Vista, CA – August 20, 2010
[James J. Yukevich](#), [Cristina M. Ciminelli](#)
- Estate of Bobby Lee Herring, Sr. v. Ford Motor Company
Stanley Mosk Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA – July 29, 2010
- Houck v. Enterprise Rent-A-Car Co.
Alameda Superior Court, Alameda, CA – June 1, 2010
[James J. Yukevich](#), [Cristina M. Ciminelli](#)
- Zhao v. Cox Enterprises, Inc.
Verdicts & Decisions – 2010
[James J. Yukevich](#), [Cristina M. Ciminelli](#)
- Harsha v. ServiceMaster Co. et. al.
San Bernardino Superior Court, San Bernardino, CA – February 1, 2010
[James J. Yukevich](#), [Cristina M. Ciminelli](#)
- Novak v. Pizza Hut, Inc.
San Diego Superior Court, San Diego, CA – January 4, 2010
[James J. Yukevich](#), [Cristina M. Ciminelli](#)
- Goebel v. Ford Motor Company
Ford Scores Rare Win in Asbestos Case. Defense Verdict.
Stanley Mosk Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA – November 23, 2009
[James J. Yukevich](#), [Steven D. Smelser](#)
- Clarendon National Ins. Co. v. Ford Motor Company
Garage and vehicle fire alleged to have been caused by a recalled speed control component. Result:
Defense verdict.
Imperial County Superior Court, El Centro, CA – August 1, 2009
[Steven D. Smelser](#)
- Deal v. Michelin North America, Inc.

Rollover of full-size pickup truck following right rear tread separation, alleged manufacturing defects in tire, two occupants fatally injured. Result: Defense verdict.

United States District Court, Las Vegas, NV – April 21, 2009

[James J. Yukevich](#), [Todd A. Cavanaugh](#), [Cristina M. Ciminelli](#)

- Jones v. American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
Single-vehicle rollover accident, alleged design defects in roof structure, plaintiff sustained spinal injury resulting in quadriplegia. Defense Verdict.
Central Civil West Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA – March 13, 2009
[James J. Yukevich](#), [Todd A. Cavanaugh](#), [Delmar S. Thomas](#)
- National RV Co. v. Crane Corp.
Action for breach of contract and fraud regarding sidewall materials on 73 motor homes. Plaintiff sought \$28 million in compensatory damages, plus punitive damages and attorney fees. \$3.5 million verdict.
United States District Court, Riverside, CA – 2008
- Keddington v. Michelin North America, Inc.
March 3, 2008
[James J. Yukevich](#), [Cristina M. Ciminelli](#)
- Gaudry v. Honda Motor Co., Ltd.
Two-vehicle accident alleged design and warning defects in Honda Reflex scooter, plaintiff sustained severe leg injury requiring amputation. Result: Defense verdict.
Burbank Superior Court, Burbank, CA – December 24, 2007
[James J. Yukevich](#), [Todd A. Cavanaugh](#)
- Arroyo v. Ford Motor Company
Single-vehicle accident following claimed unintended acceleration, alleged cruise control system defect, moderate injuries, punitive damages allegations. Result: Defense verdict.
Miami-Dade County Court, Miami, FL – October 2, 2007
[James J. Yukevich](#), [Todd A. Cavanaugh](#)
- Pineda v. Deere & Company
Fatal injury to construction worker, alleged design and warning defects in front-end loader/backhoe. Result: Defense Verdict.
Chatsworth Superior Court, Chatsworth, CA – April 6, 2007
[Todd A. Cavanaugh](#), [Cristina M. Ciminelli](#)
- Baez v. L&L Machinery Inc
Jury Rejects Quadriplegic's Suit Against Manufacturer
Rancho Cucamonga Superior Court, Rancho Cucamonga, CA – February 11, 2007
[James J. Yukevich](#)
- Delloro v. Michelin North America, Inc.
Cargo van rollover, alleged tire defect, brain injury. Defense verdict.
Los Angeles, California – August 18, 2006
[James J. Yukevich](#), [Thomas Borncamp](#)
- Wheeler v. The Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railroad Company

Orange County Central Justice Center, Santa Ana, CA – 2006

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- Hidaka/Hartman v. Michelin North America, Inc.
Verdicts & Decisions – 2006
James J. Yukevich
- Cabrera v. Isuzu Motors, Ltd.
Sport-utility vehicle rollover, alleged seat defect, catastrophic injuries, punitive damages allegations. Mistrial due to hung jury; directed verdict for defense on punitive damages claim.
Central Civil West Superior Court, Los Angeles, CA – October 1, 2005
James J. Yukevich
- Parks v. Michelin North America et. al.
Jury exonerates Michelin Tires in van accident injuring six
Riverside Superior Court, Riverside, CA – March 14, 2005
James J. Yukevich, Cristina M. Ciminelli
- Quinney v. Hyundai Motor America
Single-vehicle accident following unintended acceleration, moderate injuries. Defense verdict.
Los Angeles, California – 2004
Thomas Borncamp
- Tepei v. Michelin North America
Lewis County Court, Chehalis, WA – April 23, 2004
James J. Yukevich, Todd A. Cavanaugh, Cristina M. Ciminelli
- Knott's Berry Farm v. Togo International
Orange County Central Justice Center, Santa Ana, CA – October 29, 2003
James J. Yukevich, Cristina M. Ciminelli
- Watts v. Ford Motor Company
Single-vehicle accident following claimed unintended acceleration, alleged cruise control system defect, catastrophic injury. Result: Defense verdict.
Sacramento County Superior Court, Sacramento, CA – October 1, 2003
James J. Yukevich, Todd A. Cavanaugh
- The Boeing Company v. ArvinMeritor, Inc.
Breach of contract action arising out of corporate merger. Result: Defense award at binding arbitration.
Los Angeles, California – October 1, 2002
- Corinthian v. Harutian
Verdicts & Decisions – 2002
Cristina M. Ciminelli
- Nia v. Harutian
Verdicts & Decisions – 2002
Cristina M. Ciminelli

- Reyes v. Hyundai Motor Company
Single-vehicle accident, fatal injury to parent, catastrophic injuries to minor, multiple alleged crashworthiness defects. Defense verdict.
Orange County Superior Court, Santa Ana, CA – October 1, 2001
[James J. Yukevich](#), [Thomas Borncamp](#)
- Carver v. Michelin North America
Pick-up truck rollover, alleged tire defect, quadriplegic injury. Settled during trial.
San Diego Superior Court, San Diego, CA – September 4, 2001
[James J. Yukevich](#), [Thomas Borncamp](#)
- Jenkins v. Hyundai Motor Company
Single-vehicle accident, alleged roof and restraint system defects, quadriplegic injury. Defense verdict.
Rancho Cucamonga Superior Court, Rancho Cucamonga, CA – October 1, 1997
[James J. Yukevich](#)
- Park v. Mazda Motor Corporation
Minivan rollover, seatbelted child ejected, alleged restraint system defect, severe head injury. Defense verdict.
Riverside Superior Court, Riverside, CA – October 1, 1995
[James J. Yukevich](#)
- Moore v. American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
All-terrain vehicle accident, alleged stability and warning defects, catastrophic spinal cord injury. Defense verdict.
San Francisco Superior Court, San Francisco, CA – October 1, 1993
[James J. Yukevich](#)
- Vandenburg v. Honda Research & Development Co.
Atlantic County Superior Court, Atlantic City, NJ – November 21, 1990
[James J. Yukevich](#), [Thomas Borncamp](#)