



## Bao M. Vu

Associate

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### Service Areas

Bankruptcy  
Class Action Defense  
Commercial Litigation  
Environmental Litigation  
Insurance Risk & Management  
Litigation  
Prop 65

### Bar Admissions

California  
U.S. District Courts for the Central, Eastern, Northern and Southern Districts of California  
U.S. Bankruptcy Courts for the Central, Eastern, Northern and Southern Districts of California

### Education

University of California, Davis School of Law, J.D., Public Service Certificate, 2011; Managing Editor, UC Davis Law Review; Senior Editor, Environmental Law and Policy Journal; Recipient, Witkin Award in Environmental Law  
University of California, Santa Barbara, B.A., Psychology, 2008, with honors

### Languages

Vietnamese

### ABOUT BAO

Bao Vu practices in the firm's Litigation group, advising clients on regulatory compliance and in complex commercial and environmental litigation. He represents public and private sector clients in a broad range of matters, including business and insurance-coverage disputes, class action litigation, and administrative proceedings. He also regularly defends clients against claims under California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act (Proposition 65).

Prior to joining the firm, Bao was an associate with the San Francisco office of a national law firm. In law school, he served as a judicial extern to the Honorable James Ware (Ret.), U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, and the Honorable Roger L. Efremsky, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California.

### EXPERIENCE

#### Representative Litigation

- Assisted in the defense of asphalt plant operator at trial in trespass action brought by gold dredging company seeking disgorgement damages in excess of \$10 million.
- Assisted in the representation of metals recycling corporation at arbitration in multimillion-dollar dispute concerning asset purchase agreement for largest metals recycling facility in California.
- Assisted in the defense of road construction company against antitrust claims of bid rigging, price fixing, and market allocation.
- Assisted in the defense of agriculture company against numerous class action lawsuits involving genetically modified crops.
- Assisted in the defense of corporation's director in shareholder derivative action involving claims of breach of fiduciary duty and mismanagement.

- Assisted in the representation of national dairy cooperative in numerous contractual disputes with members in California and Oregon.
- Assisted in the representation of dairy-producer handlers and out-of-state producer in nine-week California USDA Federal Milk Marketing Order promulgation hearing.
- Assisted in the defense of oil and gas exploration company against alleged breach of mineral leases.
- Assisted in the representation of national *qui tam* law firm at arbitration in multimillion-dollar professional negligence case.\*
- Assisted in the representation of national honey cooperative against numerous class action lawsuits involving unfair competition and breach of warranty allegations.\*
- Defended various food, nutritional supplement, footwear, and fashion accessory manufacturers and retailers in lawsuits brought by private enforcers and public prosecutors, including the California Attorney General.

\*Work performed prior to joining Stoel Rives

### **Administrative Proceedings**

- Assisted in the representation of food and product manufacturers in county-level investigations, as well as investigations by the California Air Resources Board and California Department of Pesticide Regulation.

### **Regulatory Compliance**

- Advised various food, nutritional supplement, footwear, and fashion accessory manufacturers and retailers on compliance with Proposition 65 requirements.
- Advised clients on compliance with California's AB 32 emissions reporting and Cap and Trade Program.
- Advised oil and gas companies on permitting and compliance with California Public Resources Code.

## **HONORS & ACTIVITIES**

- Member, Bar Association of San Francisco