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## Education

J.D., University of Southern California  
Gould School of Law, 2008 (Order of  
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B.A., University of California, Los  
Angeles, 2005 (*summa cum laude*)

## Bar Admissions

California

## Experience

Law Clerk, Hon. Barry G. Silverman, 9th  
U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals

Law Clerk, Hon. George H. King, U.S.  
District Court for the Central District of  
California

Abe Tabaie's practice focuses on large-scale commercial business litigation, often involving trade secret misappropriation claims, products liability defense, white collar criminal defense and unfair competition litigation. Mr. Tabaie practices at the federal and state levels, as well as in private arbitration. He also has represented clients in intellectual property and false advertising disputes, and in appellate matters. Mr. Tabaie's clients include companies in the technology, real estate, manufacturing and financial services industries. In addition to his extensive experience defending commercial entities and individuals, he has a considerable plaintiff-side commercial litigation practice, recovering over \$40 million for his clients in such litigation.

Mr. Tabaie's experience includes representing:

- **Standard Industries** and **GAF Energy** in trade secret misappropriation litigation brought by SunPower Corporation, where SunPower has sought preliminary injunctive relief and the court found SunPower's trade secret designation to be inadequate;
- **Accuworx USA** and **Accuworx West** in defeating a temporary restraining order in trade secret and unfair competition litigation brought by Patriot Environmental Services;
- **Atomico Ventures** in obtaining preliminary and permanent injunctions in litigation brought against individuals and entities that stole valuable information and trade secrets from the company;
- **Criteo S.A.** in a lawsuit brought against SteelHouse Inc. alleging false advertising, unfair competition, fraud and intentional interference claims;
- **3Taps Inc.** in a lawsuit brought against Craigslist, Inc. alleging anti-competitive business practices to maintain a monopoly in the online classified ads market and separately in the defense of claims brought by Craigslist alleging copyright, unfair competition and Computer Fraud and Abuse Act violations;
- **Intuitive Surgical Inc.** with respect to product liability litigation in California;
- **Hyundai Motors Corp.** in a product liability class action involving claims of design and manufacturing defects;
- **Hyundai Motors America** in product liability litigation regarding allegedly defective parts installed in airbag crash units;
- **Toyota Motor Corporation** and **Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.** in bellwether trials against Toyota in California Superior Court brought by individuals who allegedly suffered personal injuries due to purported defects;
- **Intuitive Surgical Inc.** in a rescission and breach-of-contract action involving Intuitive's insurance providers refusing to ensure its product liability claims;
- **UBS Real Estate Securities, Inc.** in a federal trial involving an alleged \$2 billion residential mortgage-backed securities breach-of-contract claim;
- **AIMCO** in litigation brought by limited partners alleging breaches of fiduciary duty based on a number of mergers;
- **a client** in arbitration proceedings regarding allegations of breach of fiduciary duty and the dissolution of various partnerships;
- **a client** in a criminal investigation brought by a federal and state task force investigating public corruption; and
- **two prisoners**, on a *pro bono* basis, alleging Section 1983 claims before the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, obtaining partial reversals on behalf of both.