

Top 10 Civil Rights Settlements in California in 2017



We are pleased to present to you the list of top 10 Civil Rights settlements obtained in California in the year 2017. The list is comprised of various case types that were filed either in state or federal courts.

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Amount: \$15,000,000.00

Attorneys: Lindsay B. Battles, Ronald O. Kaye, Barrett S. Litt of Kaye, McLane, Bednarski & Litt LLP

Case: O'Connell v. Smith

Type: Civil Rights Violation, Due Process Violation, Wrongful Imprisonment

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Amount: \$6,700,000.00

Attorneys: Michael J. Haddad, Julia Sherwin, Maya M. Sorensen, Thomas Kennedy Helm, IV of Haddad & Sherwin LLP

Case: Harmon v. City of Santa Clara, et al.

Type: Assault and Battery, Civil Rights Violation, Excessive Force, Personal Injury, Police Misconduct, Unreasonable Search and Seizure

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Amount: \$5,500,000.00

Attorneys: Michael J. Haddad of Haddad & Sherwin LLP

Case: Petrov v. Alameda County, et al.

Type: Assault and Battery, Civil Rights Violation, Excessive Force, Personal Injury, Police Brutality, Abuse of Power, Police Misconduct

4

Amount: \$3,962,500.00

Attorneys: Kyra A. Kazantzis, Annette D. Kirkham, Nadia Aziz, Thomas Zito of Fair Housing Law Project; Michael R. Headley, Jonathan J. Lan Katherine Vidal of Fish & Richardson PC

Case: Huynh v. Sanchez

Type: Civil Rights Violation, Class Action, Disability Discrimination

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Amount: \$3,900,000.00

Attorneys: Vicki I. Sarmiento of Law Offices of Vicki I. Sarmiento; Dale K. Galipo of Law Offices of Dale K. Galipo

Case: J.M.M., Pro ami Cruz v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

Type: Civil Rights Violation, Personal Injury, Brain Injury, Denial of Medical Care

6

Amount: \$3,300,000.00

Attorneys: Dale K. Galipo, Melanie T. Partow of Law Offices of Dale K. Galipo; Steve F. Carlson, Randy A. Johnson of Law Offices of Carlson J. Eagle

Case: Estate of Berry v. County of Los Angeles

Type: Assault and Battery, Civil Rights Violation, Due Process Violation, Excessive Force, Negligent Supervision, Wrongful Death, Gunshot

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Amount: \$2,970,000.00

Attorneys: Angel J. Carrazco, Humberto M. Guizar, Kent M. Henderson of Guizar, Henderson & Carrazco LLP; John Burton, Ariana R.M. Geba

Case: Estate of Aguilar v. County of Los Angeles

Type: Assault and Battery, Civil Rights Violation, Excessive Force, Wrongful Death, Gunshot, Denial of Medical Care, Police Brutality, Police Negligence

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Amount: \$1,700,000.00

Attorneys: Lindsay B. Battles, Ronald O. Kaye of Kaye, McLane, Bednarski & Litt LLP

Case: Estate of Loberg v. County of Los Angeles

Type: Civil Rights Violation, Wrongful Death, Prison Negligence, Failure to Supervise, Inadequate Care

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Amount: \$1,505,000.00

Attorneys: David M. deRubertis, Kelly A. Knight of The deRubertis Law Firm, APC

Case: Schilling v. City of Manhattan Beach

Type: Civil Rights Violation, Gender Discrimination, Hostile Work Environment, Wrongful Termination, Whistleblower Retaliation, Labor Dispute

10 (tie)

Amount: \$1,500,000.00

Attorneys: Federico C. Sayre, Boris Treyzon, Gregory Peacock, Francis X. Flynn of Abir Cohen Treyzon Salo, LLP; Steven A. Lerman of Steven A. Lerman Law Firm

Case: Estate of Ford v. City of Los Angeles

Type: Assault and Battery, Civil Rights Violation, Wrongful Death, Gunshot

10 (tie)

Amount: **\$1,500,000.00**

Attorneys: Gregory W. Smith, Diana W. Wells of Law Offices of Gregory W. Smith; Jason M. Wymond of Jason M. Wymond, Attorney

Case: Lopez v. County of Los Angeles

Type: Civil Rights Violation, Hostile Work Environment, Retaliation, Sexual Harassment, Labor & Employment

10 (tie)

Amount: **\$1,500,000.00**

Attorneys: Randy H. McMurray, Yana G. Henriks of McMurray Henriks, LLP

Case: Estate of Laffitte v. County of Los Angeles

Type: Assault and Battery, Civil Rights Violation, Excessive Force, Wrongful Death, Gunshot, Police Brutality

10 (tie)

Amount: **\$1,500,000.00**

Attorneys: Milton C. Grimes, Iverson M. Jackson of Law Offices of Milton C. Grimes

Case: Estate of Arreguin v. County of Los Angeles, et al.

Type: Assault and Battery, Civil Rights Violation, Conspiracy, Excessive Force, Wrongful Death, Gunshot