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Martin Refkin is The Gallagher Law Group's chief litigator. He has over 48 years of trial experience in a broad spectrum of matters including toxic torts, CERCLA, RCRA, real estate, general business litigation and insurance recovery. He has tried cases in venues throughout California.

Martin was lead attorney in Frank Babich, et al. v. Cadillac Fairview/California, et al., Guillermo C. Aguirre v. Cadillac Fairview/California, et al., and Paul Kidwell v. Montrose Chemical, et al. (U.S.D.C., Central District of California). These cases were all toxic tort matters related to the Del Amo Superfund site in Los Angeles County. Martin was also lead counsel in Abel, et al. v. Lockheed, et al. in which approximately 3500 plaintiffs were claiming injuries due to exposure to contaminants via drinking water and the air. The matter was settled after extensive discovery and expert work in support of our motion for summary judgment. We also obtained insurance coverage to fund the entire settlement. In another environmental case, Carson Harbor Village v. Unocal (Compton), Martin was lead counsel and again obtained a summary judgment in federal court after conducting extensive discovery. The Carson Harbor Village case is a landmark appellate decision, cited frequently for a variety of environmental rules of law. Martin has also been responsible for other complex environmental matters such as Westway Terminal Company v. Envirosource (Contribution action.) and Zesati v. City of Los Angeles; Thompson v. City of Los Angeles; and Estate of Moralez v. Texaco (Toxic tort matters.).

Martin was the lead attorney for Frontier Oil Corporation and Wainoco Oil and Gas Company in the consolidated cases styled Moss, et al. v. City of Beverly Hills, et al. Here, over 2000 plaintiffs sued several oil companies, the City of Beverly Hills and the Beverly Hills Unified School District claiming that their exposure to benzene and other chemicals allegedly coming from the oil field on school property caused their cancers. Martin chaired the plaintiffs committee for the joint defense group and led the discovery against plaintiffs, their treating physicians and medical experts. The trial court granted summary judgment against the plaintiffs.

Martin was our lead trial attorney in City of Rialto, et al. v. United States Department of Defense, et al. (consolidated cases) where we represented the County of San Bernardino in both federal and state court litigation involving perchlorate and TCE contamination in the Rialto-Colton Basin. He was also our lead attorney in the Orange County Water District v. Northrop Corporation, et al. case. This matter was venued in the Complex Litigation Section of the Orange County Superior Court and involved TCE and PCE contamination in both soil and groundwater. Martin was the firm's lead attorney in Adame v. State of California, in which over 135 plaintiffs sued the State of

California (our client) and others in a toxic tort action, claiming exposure to a variety of chemicals caused cancer and other illnesses. In the case of Atlantic Richfield Company v. State of California, et al., Martin was the lead attorney defending the State of California, the State Water Resources Control Board and the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board. This case involved a contaminated mine site that threatens water quality in both California and Nevada. The case was settled quite favorably during trial.

Martin represented the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (“DWP”) in two different matters. The first case involved advising DWP on whether to seek to recover over a billion dollars in damages from potentially responsible parties for groundwater contamination in the San Fernando Valley. The other matter involved DWP’s responsibility for contamination on private property adjacent to a DWP facility.

Martin represented the City of Modesto in a groundwater contamination suit that settled on the eve of trial. He continues to represent Modesto on an extremely complex contamination suit involving many dry cleaner sites where there is PCE contamination in soil and groundwater.

Martin has been involved with Tim Gallagher as a mediator and an arbitrator in a variety of matters. He is currently mediating a case in federal court involving a private party and the Los Angeles Unified School District. In addition to environmental matters, he has extensive experience in all types of commercial real estate litigation, including breach of contract and unlawful detainer matters and personal injury cases.