



Chris Aitken

As a litigator, Mr. Aitken was the handling attorney in *Doe v. Disneyland* (2000), a case which attracted national attention when a metal cleat dislodged from Disney's "Sailing Ship Columbia" killing a man and seriously injuring his wife. The settlement of this matter was estimated at \$25,000,000 by the Los Angeles Times and the case led to major changes in California law regarding the safety of theme parks. Mr. Aitken has also been involved in other high profile litigation such as *Larkin v. Peterson Brothers* (2003), a wrongful death matter of a renowned optometrist in Anaheim Hills, California; which resulted in a recovery of over \$4,000,000 and heightened Orange County awareness for truck safety and *Corbin v. Westbrent Limited* (2003), involving the traumatic brain

injury of Ryan Corbin, grandson of performing artist, Pat Boone, resulting in a \$10,125,000 settlement. Most recently, Mr. Aitken is privileged to represent the family involved in the recent fatality at Disneyland involving Big Thunder Mountain and continues to act as co-liaison counsel to the families injured in the Burlington Northern-Metrolink tragedy.

Mr. Aitken is proud of his involvement as Chairman of the Board of Laura's House (www.laurahouse.org), an organization that provides a range of services for the victims of domestic violence. Mr. Aitken has also been a frequent speaker at Orange County Bar Association and Hispanic Bar Association continuing legal education seminars. Mr. Aitken is an outstanding member of the California Trial Lawyers Association and Orange County Trial Lawyers Association. As an author, Mr. Aitken has contributed to the 3rd Edition of Jefferson's California Evidence Benchbook.

Mr. Aitken graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles with a bachelor of arts. He obtained his Juris Doctorate Degree from the University of Southern California. Mr. Aitken lives in San Clemente with his wife, Maureen and two sons, Tyler and Jack.

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