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Tony specializes in complex business and intellectual property litigation, as well as media and entertainment litigation. He has substantial trial experience before state and federal courts and before arbitration panels nationwide, as well as matters before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board. Tony represents technology and telecommunications companies, emerging companies and startups, real estate developers and businesses involving in the banking, finance, health care and pharmaceutical industries, and major film studios, television networks, and other media and entertainment companies. He handles a wide variety of claims, including those involving intellectual property rights, employment issues, motion picture and television distribution rights, profit participation and other accounting issues, and a variety of contractual disputes.

Tony began his career in the Los Angeles office of Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP, where he litigated class actions, complex business and antitrust cases, and intellectual property disputes. He joined the firm's Entertainment & Media team in Century City and was made a partner in the Business Trials group. In addition to his business and entertainment litigation responsibilities, Tony founded and co-chaired the firm's Sports Industry Team, which handled marketing agreements with MLB, NFL and NHL teams; sponsorship agreements with NASCAR racing teams, FIFA, the AVP and various media and communications companies; and financing and land use projects for NFL stadiums and MLB parks. He then joined the Raleigh office of Wyrick Robbins Yates & Ponton LLP as a partner in the Litigation group, where he led litigation teams on cases relating to intellectual property rights, labor and employment issues, entertainment and media rights, and a variety of contractual and other commercial disputes. Tony also led a number of Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) internal investigations and FCPA due diligence work in connection with large mergers and acquisitions. He joined Sanders Roberts as Special Counsel in 2019, and he works out of his Los Angeles and Raleigh offices.

Tony was recognized by Benchmark Litigation as a "Future Star" (2009), and by The Legal 500 (2009 edition) for "getting great results." In 2006 and 2009, he was recognized by Los Angeles Magazine as a Southern California "Super Lawyer." He has served as a Board Member for the North Carolina Bar Association, Sports & Entertainment Section from 2011-2016, and he is an active member and frequent speaker with a variety of local and national bar and legal associations, including the Sports Lawyers Association, and the Los Angeles and Wake County Bar Associations. Tony is licensed to practice in California, North Carolina and Texas.

EDUCATION

B.B.A., Finance, Emphasis in Accounting, University of Iowa, 1994

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