

Representative Cases for Robert N. Dobbins, LL.M.

Concealment/Real Estate (Mold)

Concealment by selling broker/brokerage company of toxic mold report in sale of horse ranch property home. Buyer, a bilateral lung transplant patient, tested positive for mold intrusion into her vulnerable system; she then received intense drug therapy treatment which caused cancer, multiple surgeries and from which she will die prematurely. Case involved burning policy issues and issues relating to dissolved brokerage company-broker indemnity issues. An emotionally charged case that settled within the burning policy limits because of Buyer's medical condition.

Shareholder/Corporate Dissolution/Accounting

A Shareholder dispute that resulted in sale of wine store/wine tasting business; the settlement process involved working through the accounting maze, made more complicated by the friendship that was being dissolved along with the business.

Employment/Wrongful Termination

Wrongful termination brought by a long-term former management level employee. The case was entangled with multiple layers of liability and valuation issues, claims by the employee of betrayal by the owner and the owner's counter of employee disloyalty. Cross-cultural issues had to be overcome in order to settle just below six figures.

Real Estate – Subprime Mortgage Foreclosure/BFP

Sub-prime mortgage foreclosure case that arose post foreclosure sale. "Successful" bidder at the sale was in the business of buying residential property at these sales. In addition to the sub-prime issues, the case involved questions of what it takes to be a bona fide purchaser at a foreclosure sale when there is a gross disparity between the "purchase price" and the fair market value of the property.