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## A LETTER FROM THE COOPERS



**WHAT'S A MUSTANG, BEYOND BEING A HORSE OR CAR?** In the military it is an officer who started out enlisted. In the law? A lawyer who started as staff. Coopers is proud to stable many mustangs, including one of Coopers' owners. In this issue we get to hear the experience of going from paralegal to lawyer firsthand as we follow Hendrick White through working, parenting, a pandemic, law school, and bar passage. Inspiring, and challenging.

We hone in on a recent trial, how a vicious dog attack impacted a family, and how an insurance company's failure to defend its insured had consequences. And we learn more about what drives two of our partners, Andrea Posey and Kimberly Wong, to fight for justice.

We hope you enjoy this inaugural issue. We appreciate feedback, and love to spitball cases. If there's anything you'd like to chat with us about, give us a ring!

*Happy hunting,  
M&M*

*Miles B. Cooper, Maryanne B. Cooper, and everyone at Coopers LLP*



## CASE SPOTLIGHT

# \$10M JUDGMENT FOR BOY, MOTHER ATTACKED BY DOG

By Canice Flanagan

### CASE TYPE: Dog bite

**FACTS:** On a summer morning in 2021, sheriffs' deputies responded to a call reporting a dog attack. Upon arrival they found a young boy sitting in his mother's lap and observed a large amount of blood on the floor of the residence. Both mother and son were terrified of the dog, which had not yet been located, and reported that they had been on a walk through the neighborhood when a large dog ran from the porch of a residence and started attacking them and biting the son — an attack that was sudden and unprovoked.



During the attack, a woman in her 70s came out of the house where the dog had escaped, walked slowly to the pair, and tried to pull the dog away but was unsuccessful. Fortunately, another neighbor heard their cries and came to their aid.

Officers observed a large bite wound to the boy's lower back, a large open bite wound on his arm, a large open bite wound to a lower calf, scratches on his arms and legs, and abrasions to his elbow and knees, consistent with falling to the cement during the attack. Officers noted deep bite marks with visible muscle tissue exposed. While one officer remained with mother and son, others were able to locate the dog back at the residence from which it had escaped. Several neighbors and bystanders were familiar with the dog and told law enforcement this was not the first time the dog was violent. Animal Control arrived and took possession of the dog.

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The elderly woman's daughter was not home when the attack occurred but arrived on scene as officers were removing the dog and stated that it had belonged to her son and she was caring for the pet during her son's incarceration. She admitted to officers she had previously participated in a hearing following another incident where the dog attacked a beagle in front of the residence, causing significant injuries. Consequently, the attacking dog was declared a “vicious” animal by the city just months prior to the attack on the boy and his mother.

Responding officers also interviewed the neighbor who had rescued the mother and son, explaining that he had been inside his residence when he heard lots of screaming outside. He ran out and observed the mother holding her child, trying to protect him. The dog was jumping and scratching at the mother, trying to get to the boy, and the elderly woman was near the dog but did not make any effort to control it. The neighbor was able to

drag the dog away by its harness, grab the child, and bring him and his mother to safety. Both mother and child were transported to a local hospital for treatment.

The son remained hospitalized for two days, with his mother at his side; was discharged in a wheelchair, and remained in bed at home for two weeks. He will require ongoing plastic surgery and treatment to repair the scars.



*Prosecuting attorney Andrea Posey*

The mother was too preoccupied with her son's injuries to consider her own and was evaluated at the hospital as well. The emergency room staff noticed she was covered in blood from her son's wounds and had scratches all over and abrasions to both knees, which likely occurred when she fell to the ground during the attack.

**LEGAL STRATEGY:** While the dog custodian's liability was not disputed, collectability posed a challenge. The dog's custodian did not have her own insurance policy or any real financial

assets. Through diligent work, Coopers' handling attorney Andrea Posey learned that the homeowners' association charged for insurance, and that insurance was supposed to provide coverage for incidents like this. After the homeowners' association's insurance company failed to accept the tender, the defendant stood trial as a precursor to an insurance bad faith case.

**OUTCOME:** Coopers LLP obtained a \$10 million judgment, and the matter will now proceed as an insurance bad faith case against the insurance company for failing to defend the defendant.

**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY:** Andrea Posey

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## CASE HIGHLIGHT COUNTERPUNCH

### Turning the tables on an abusive insurance company

*By Miles Cooper*

**CASE TYPE:** Car versus bicycle

**FACTS:** A cook was riding his bicycle home late at night after a shift. A car pulled around the cook and then stopped short directly in front of him. As a result, the cook's arm went through the car's back window, deeply cutting the cook's arm. The cook's injuries required extensive stitching. The cook returned to work and did not contemplate taking any action until he received threatening letters from the driver's insurance company,

demanding the cook pay thousands in property damage for the damage to the car. Being Spanish-speaking without much formal education, the cook spoke to his employer, who connected him with Coopers LLP.



*Prosecuting attorney Bryan Vix*

**LEGAL STRATEGY:** In light of the abusive letters from the insurance company, Coopers lawyers reported the insurance company to California's Department of Insurance. Coopers also filed suit against the driver, alleging the driver's decision to pass the cyclist and then brake in front of the cyclist caused the incident.

**OUTCOME:** The insurance company dropped its property damage reimbursement claim and paid a confidential amount to the cook.

**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY:** Bryan Vix

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## GETTING PERSONAL

# TAKING THE PLUNGE

## My journey through law school and the California bar exam

By Hendrick White

We had just sat down at a charming café in a quaint neighborhood of Paris. With the thrill of the previous week in Amsterdam waning, my wife and I discussed how we wanted to spend the Paris leg of our honeymoon over a glass of red. The ambiance was ripe for contemplation. The smell of garlic and butter wafted from the kitchen, our server kindly dismissed our crude attempt at French, and the afternoon sun shone lonely in the sky. Nothing seemed more important than the moment we were in. As the wine flowed and our conversation broadened, I asked, “What are your thoughts on me going to law school?” “Time would pass the same whether you go to law school or not,” she sagely replied. A bottle or so later, one thing was certain, we were taking the plunge.

For those who have not taken the plunge, attending law school begins about a year before you ever step foot into a classroom. This includes preparing for the LSAT, taking the LSAT, requesting transcripts, obtaining letters of recommendation, attending law school informational sessions, and filling out lengthy applications for all the schools you believe you have a chance at. Shortly after shaking the jetlag from the return trip, our journey began.

Knowing that I would continue working as a paralegal at the firm through law school, I only applied to schools in San Francisco. After accepting an offer to a four-year night program, I realized that I had not been in a classroom in years. Being 39 years old, I did not take a gap year between college and law school, I took a couple gap decades. This meant I would be competing with students fresh out of undergrad in a rather cutthroat setting considering my school’s grading curve was sharp and the bottom percentile of students risked being culled after the first year. In an attempt to quell the insecurities, I read books on how to prepare for law school and watched most of the movies that touched on the topic — *Rounders* being my favorite.



*Mr. and Mrs. White in Paris.*



## LEARNING TO LEARN (AGAIN)

My first night of class was both exciting and frightening. As you may recall from the movie (or novel) *The Paper Chase*, the prospect of being cold-called to brief a case in front of the class is terrifying to say the least. For those who have never had the pleasure, a cold call occurs when the professor, using the Socratic method, calls your name and drills you on the specifics of a case. This method weeds out the unprepared and ensures reading assignments are completed by using embarrassment and shame as a motivator.

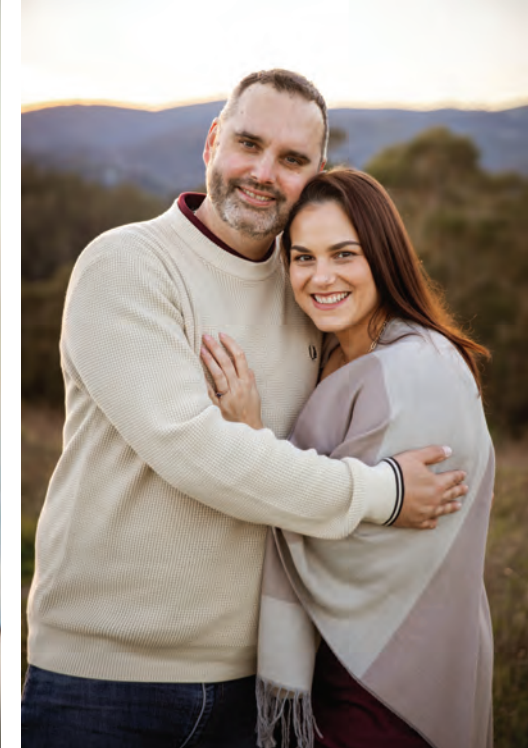
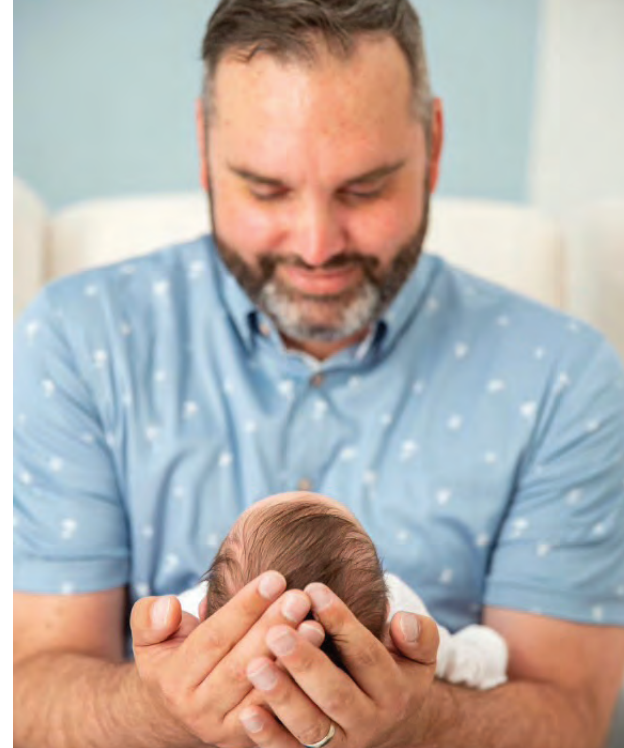
Since I worked in the daytime, I read all my cases the prior weekend. Taking the advice from a prep book, I color-coded the sections of the cases with highlighters: blue for issues, pink for holdings, green for facts, and yellow for analysis. The idea being that when drilled I would be able to quickly access the appropriate sections to respond with a semi-intelligent answer. This “technicolor” strategy also saved hours of class preparation by eliminating the task of writing full case briefs, which was crucial when working during law school.

I soon learned that there is no amount of preparation that eases the pain of your first cold call. Shortly into my first, a long agonizing and awkward pause occurred as I searched for the right colored section. This prompted a wave of panic. Then boom! I blacked out. To this day I have no recollection of what I said. Judging from the vacant looks on my classmates and professor’s faces, I likely missed the mark.

That first semester I spent considerable time learning how to learn again. Law school was much different than undergrad. Cramming the night before a test would not cut it. To prepare, I tried flashcards, taking copious notes, sparingly taking notes, rote memorization, outlining, and study groups. You name it, I tried it. I finished every test thinking I bombed it. The one I felt I “aced” ended up being the only one I bombed. I finally hit my stride sometime in the second semester. Well, I should say, I finally figured out a strategy that was compatible with my work schedule and marriage.

## UPPING THE ANTE

Just as I figured out the balance, COVID-19 hit, causing my law school to go online. The pandemic added some unsavory layers to the experience. First, my insecurities soared from “How am I going to pull this off?” to “How am I going to survive this?” Next, I quickly learned that I was not an



*Welcoming the next generation. Photos: Marin Family Photography.*

online learner. After an hour of online lecture, I often found myself drifting off thinking about anything but the topic being discussed. Finally, the isolation aspect intensified everything in my marriage. For me, I did not have much free time to begin with and was used to being alone. However, I worried about my wife. Prior to the pandemic, she would meet friends for brunch while I stayed home to study. But now she was stuck in our small apartment with the city shut down and her husband neck deep in a casebook in the spare room. The isolation and fear of the unknown took its toll.

Life did not stop because I was in law school. After adjusting to the COVID curveball, we decided to up the ante and have our first child. My son was born midway through law school and shortly after finals. I took the following summer session off to help with the baby but continued to work. Although becoming a father absolutely erased any iota of free time I had, it inspired me to finish law school strong. I realized that I was not just opening the door to a new career for myself, but also opening the door for my son and his children. Most of the men in my family were ironworkers or general contractors; many did not complete high school. By finishing law school, I was in the keen position of altering the generational pattern of my family. My son’s inspiration coupled with my wife’s support carried me through the next two years.

## RAISING THE BAR

Although graduation was a momentous occasion, it was difficult to fully enjoy it with the prospect of the California bar exam looming in the back of my mind. In order to pass the bar exam, you are told you must spend about three months, eight to twelve hours a day, preparing for the exam. With a statewide pass rate of 51% (65ish% for first timers), the prep schedule seemed reasonable.

Prior to starting bar prep, I needed to secure a quiet place to study. At this point in time, my son enjoyed running up and down the hallway and pounding on my home office door. When the other nanny-share baby joined in, it often sounded like a scene from *Lord of the Flies*, where at any second they would machete the door down, hog-tie me, and drag me out in victory. To save my skin, I rented a small doctor's office two blocks from my flat. This move was key; the office was quiet, and my commute was less than five minutes.

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Being well into my forties, I felt I only had one shot at this test. Also my son's development began soaring at this time, and the thought of missing another three months of his early childhood kept me laser focused.

I buckled down. I started prep at 8am each morning using the prep course my school offered. I took an hour midday for lunch and a walk. During my walks I listened to an audio book of someone just reading legal rules, hoping to increase my retention through osmosis. The exam could potentially test on some 500 legal rules. The amount of information required to be memorized is absolutely overwhelming. Between 5 and 6pm, I'd head home to help with dinner and bathtime. After a few weeks, my son started to wait by the window to see me walk down the hill from my office.

When I came into view, I could see him calling my name and blowing me kisses. This simple gesture became a great motivator for me. After dinner and bath, I generally spent another two hours taking practice quizzes or reviewing outlines.

I repeated this process every day for almost three months. I took Father's Day off and I did a half day on Independence Day. During prep, I had good days and bad days. Some days crushing self-doubt overwhelmed me. Other days I felt invincible. Overall, bar prep was a very lonely and isolating experience, but it has to be that way. Unless you have a photographic memory, you need the time to program your brain. The only way to pass the exam is to put in the time. Within three months, I completed 93% of the prep course, took about 2,500 practice multiple choice questions, 86 practice essays, a full simulation exam, and nine practice performance tests. For me, it all clicked in the last weeks of prep.

## HITTING THE BAR

The exam arrived faster than I thought it would. I secured a hotel room at the testing center. The night prior to day one of the exam, I reviewed the outlines of the subjects that I thought the bar would test. I specifically memorized equitable lien and constructive trust thinking that Remedies would be ripe for the exam.

The next morning, a line of hundreds of exam takers wrapped around the hotel. Inside the exam room, anxiety built as the proctors took about thirty minutes to go over the formalities. Fifteen minutes into the exam I realized I was using the wrong rules for the first essay question. I remember thinking



that I'm going to have to start over and rip through this essay since you only have 60 minutes per essay to finish on time. During the afternoon session, the fifth essay was Remedies, and sure enough, the





*A well-earned celebration.*

third question dealt with equitable lien and constructive trust. Hell yeah! I thought. Also one of the characters in the performance test section had the same name as my son. It was a good omen and provided a nice boost to finish off the last hour and a half of day one.

The night before the second day I found a bar exam calculator on the internet and determined that as long as I performed similarly to my bar prep practice multiple choice scores, I'd have a good chance of passing the bar. I went

into day two with the plan to check my watch every thirty minutes to make sure I was on pace to finish. I noticed a lot more empty seats on day two, and recall seeing people green with dread sitting in the corner on the ground in the lobby during lunch break. I stuck to my plan and finished the exam. Afterwards I did not feel I crushed it, but I did not feel I bombed it either — par for course, I suppose.

### THE RESULTS

Three agonizing months later, the results were released at 6pm. Around 4pm my stomach started turning as the texts started rolling in. Since I completed the exam I relied heavily on Marcus Aurelius's Meditations, focusing on only what I could control. My wife, son, and a bottle of bubbly waited eagerly. At 6pm I logged into the portal. The past five years compressed into a single moment.

I passed! I instantly burst into tears. Elation ensued. All the self-doubt, uncertainty, and sacrifice instantly became worth it. My kitchen turned into a dance party with my wife and son. Confetti flew. Bottles popped. We did it. We did it together.

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### PRACTICE POINTER

## SHOW ME WHAT YOU GOT

### Major California civil procedure changes with new mandatory disclosures

*By Miles Cooper*

Those California practitioners who like federal Rule 26 initial disclosures but have a mostly state court practice are now in luck. Cases filed on or after January 1, 2024, in California are now subject to new mandatory initial disclosures. This is a test procedure, sunseting January 1, 2027 absent legislative extension. California Code of Civil Procedure § 2016.090 lists the major changes created by Senate Bill 235. Mandatory disclosures do not apply universally. Small claims, family law, probate, Section 36 preference cases, and self-represented parties are not subject to C.C.P. § 2016.090 mandatory initial disclosures.

### IN FULL DISCLOSURE

What must be disclosed? Witnesses and documents. Code of Civil Procedure §§ 2016.090(a)(1)(A)-(D) contains the details. Witness disclosure requires full contact information including phone and email. The witness categories are broad: “Everyone likely to have discoverable information, along with the subjects of that information, used to support claims, defenses, or that is relevant to the subject matter.” There are two exceptions: witnesses solely for impeachment and experts and consultants.



Document disclosure is similar: “A copy, or a description by category and location, of all documents, electronically stored information, and tangible things that the disclosing party has in its possession, custody, or control and may use to support its claims or defenses, or that is relevant to the subject matter of the action or the order on any motion made in that action, unless the use would be solely for impeachment.” C.C.P. § 2016.090(a)(1)(B). There are additional gifts: contractual agreements and insurance policies under which an insurance company or a person, as defined by Evid. Code § 175 (meaning any person or entity type), may be liable to satisfy a judgment or indemnify. C.C.P. § 2016.090(a)(1)(C)-(D). This includes documents “regarding whether any insurance carrier is disputing the agreement’s or policy’s coverage of the claim involved in the action.” C.C.P. § 2016.090(a)(1)(D). The contractual and insurance agreement requirements mean stacked layer policies and contractual indemnification provisions from multi-defendant (think construction and trucking cases) have to be turned over.

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The witness information and documents are due within 60 days of making the demand for mandatory disclosure. What about objections? They are not addressed. Will folks make them? Probably. Will there be motion practice? Yep. And through a break in period we’ll reach an accepted practice. The disclosures must be verified by written declaration by the party or party’s authorized representative, or simply signed by the party’s counsel. 2016.090(a)(5). Expect most to be signed by counsel.

### **MANDATORY MEANS A DEMAND AFTER APPEARANCE**

Mandatory disclosure is triggered by a demand. This means one has to be proactive, i.e., send out a Demand for Mandatory Disclosures under C.C.P. § 2016.090, to force the disclosure. This can be made after a party has appeared — answered, demurred, or moved to strike. Expect to receive

a demand with the answer from defense firms who pay attention. What will a demand look like? The statute does not define it. A pleading making the demand and referencing the statute should suffice. While there’s no ongoing duty to supplement with new information like there is under the federal rule, one can make supplemental requests twice before trial setting and once after.

### **TACTICAL AND PRACTICAL MATTERS**

Why is this a big deal? Because as Louis Pasteur said, “Chance favors only the prepared mind.” We want to move our cases quickly and judiciously and get our clients great outcomes. The statute change helps. But one has to be prepared. Planning early with one’s clients — before filing — to have this information ready to go will be important.

With any major change, don’t expect everyone to handle mandatory initial disclosures perfectly starting January 1, 2024. As a comparison, remember that the rule requiring expert files be turned over three days prior to a deposition went into effect in 2017. Some firms still seem to be having problems with turning over expert files in a timely fashion (although one might wonder whether this is incompetence, disorganization, or malfeasance — or some combination thereof).

With the mandatory disclosure change, expect some firms to be unaware, some to be disorganized, and some to play games. As for gameplay, the Legislature anticipated this and gave the new rules additional sanction teeth. The same Senate Bill 235 that put the mandatory disclosures into effect also increased discovery abuse sanctions from \$250 to \$1,000. C.C.P. § 2023.050. The statute change also explicitly gives the court discretion to require attorneys to report the sanction to the state bar in writing within 30 days. Will state courts suddenly start sanctioning like federal ones with this change? We see this as unlikely, but one can always dream...

It will be interesting to watch the legal landscape adapt to mandatory initial disclosures. Hopefully it will ease everyone’s discovery burden. But only time will tell.

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# STAFF STORIES

By Zachary Morvant and Miles Cooper

## PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: ANDREA POSEY

### *Attaining recognition and recovery*



Andrea Posey’s mission is clear: to secure maximum compensation for the physical and emotional toll her clients endure due to the negligence of others.

Andrea has dedicated more than twelve years of her professional life to helping individuals navigate the aftermath of life-changing personal injuries, focusing on cases dealing with auto crashes, bicycle crashes, and dog bites. She has also fought for justice in complex fraud cases, including one representing vulnerable

elderly victims. Her tenacity resulted in a \$7.2 million trial judgment and a published decision (*Butler v. LeBouef*, 2016, 248 Cal.App.4th 198).

Born and raised on the central coast of California, Andrea obtained her B.A. from the University of California at Santa Barbara and pursued her J.D. at the Santa Barbara College of Law, graduating in 2011. Her journey into the legal world was marked by a pivotal internship with the Santa Barbara District Attorney’s Office during law school, sparking her passion for justice.

For Andrea, every client has a story, and her priority is to listen, ensuring a deep understanding of their needs. In the challenging realm of personal injury litigation, she not only aggressively litigates cases but also provides constant feedback, recommendations, and updates to her clients. Her tireless efforts go beyond legal representation; she strives to secure the best medical treatment and maximum compensation for her clients, acknowledging the impact on their lives.

The driving force behind Andrea’s commitment to justice can be traced back to her early experiences. Volunteering for the Santa Barbara District

Attorney’s Office during law school exposed her to felony prosecutions, laying the foundation for her pursuit of justice.

Personal tragedy further fueled Andrea’s dedication. Her cousin, like a brother to her, lost his life in a motorcycle accident caused by a distracted driver. Despite many challenges, Andrea successfully handled the case, securing justice for her aunt, who had lost her only child. This deeply personal experience emphasized the importance of recognizing and recovering what individuals have lost due to injuries: health, enjoyment of life, and more.

In Andrea’s own words, justice in personal injury cases isn’t about punishment; it’s about full recognition and recovery. Clients approach her at their most vulnerable, seeking an advocate to protect their rights as they concentrate on healing. Andrea primarily handles wrongful death and catastrophic injury cases, achieving notable success, including a \$1.1 million verdict plus punitive damages in San Mateo County and a \$10 million judgment in Alameda County for a pitbull attack.

For Andrea, the relentless pursuit of justice is more than a profession — it’s a calling to help people rebuild their lives after facing profound challenges.

## PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: KIMBERLY WONG

### *Preparation is power*



For over 15 years, Kimberly Wong, a partner at Coopers LLP and a former trial team leader at a prominent plaintiff’s firm in San Francisco, has fought for justice in catastrophic personal injury and wrongful death cases. Her journey is marked by dedication, strategic brilliance, and an unwavering commitment to those whose lives have been altered by the negligence of others.

A mentor shared that the secret to Kimberly’s success in securing favorable resolutions is her



meticulous case preparation. Her track record of achieving numerous seven-figure settlements attests to her ability to work up a case thoroughly. Setting high expectations, anticipating challenges, and crafting a strategic plan are her keys to getting results.

Known for her client-centered approach, Kimberly ensures clients receive quality legal representation and just compensation. Described as a tireless, honest, and compassionate advocate, she stands by her clients through every step of the litigation process. Her poise as a litigator is a testament to her many years of experience focused on complex catastrophic injury cases.

Kimberly's journey wasn't an obvious choice. She studied psychology at Tufts, graduating magna cum laude. Her interest in plaintiff's work ignited during law school, where she completed two judicial externships and three legal internships. These experiences fueled her passion for assisting those navigating the legal landscape without representation, setting the stage for her career: seeking justice for those harmed by the actions of others.

Beyond individual achievements, Kimberly holds leadership roles within the Consumer Attorneys of California, actively contributing to shaping the legal landscape. Invited by bar associations, she shares insights with fellow plaintiff lawyers, and her written contributions in attorney magazines solidify her standing as a thought leader. She strongly believes in supporting other women trial lawyers and advocates for increased diversity in the legal profession.

A third-generation San Franciscan, Kimberly's roots run deep in the city she calls home. After a brief stint away for college, she returned for law school, driven by a profound connection to the city. Outside the courtroom, she finds joy in family, friends, and exploring new places.

Personal tragedy has given Kimberly a deeper perspective on her clients' plights and the ability to connect with them in more meaningful ways. After the sudden loss of her husband, she understands the profound impact of loss her clients feel.

Kimberly's journey is one of resilience, compassion, and a relentless pursuit of justice. As she faces the challenges of being a minority woman lawyer and as an advocate for change, she has these words: "Underestimate me at your own risk. Because ultimately, I'm successful because I'm often the most prepared person in the room."

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: HENDRICK WHITE

### *A newly minted Coopers mustang*



Four years ago, seasoned paralegal and pre-litigation manager Hendrick White undertook a monumental task: succeed in law school while working full time and being a dedicated father and husband.

Keep the grades high enough to maintain a scholarship, manage a department that produced record-setting numbers, and do it while Zooming into COVID-closed classes with a toddler underfoot. Relentless? Committed? Hell yeah. And it paid off.

We're thrilled to report Hendrick passed the California bar on his first attempt and has joined our ranks as a licensed attorney after being sworn in on December 5.

Hendrick is one of several Coopers mustangs: lawyers who served for years in staff positions before taking the plunge, and who exhibit holistic knowledge and collaborative know-how from their experiences coming up through the ranks.

We're excited to see what comes next, Hendrick!

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GIVING BACK

# THE SUPERMARKET STREET SWEEP

## Benefiting the SF-Marin Food Bank

By Zachary Morvant

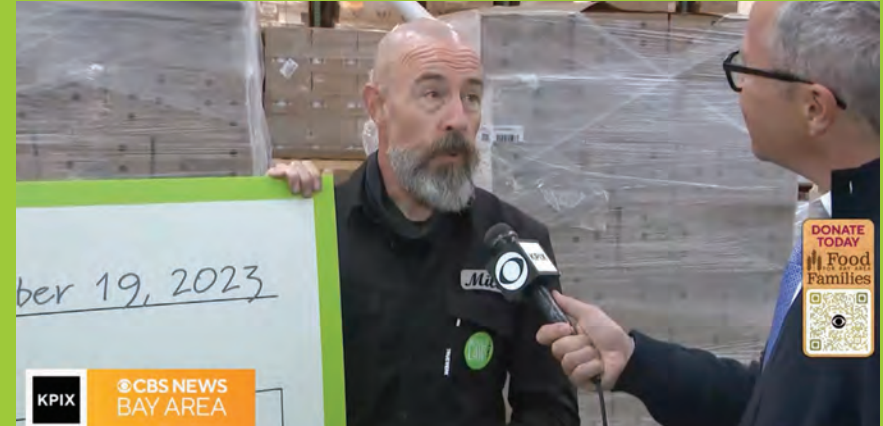
“We live in the community, we have young kids, and we’re fortunate enough to be able to have food on our table. We want to find a way to give back... the Supermarket Street Sweep is a way of doing that.” – Miles Cooper

Presented by our Bicycle Law brand, the Supermarket Street Sweep (aka “SMSW” or “The Sweep”) is an annual bike race that benefits the SF-Marin Food Bank (SFMFB). Since 2005, hundreds of participants have zipped around the city to local supermarkets and brought back thousands of pounds of food to donate to this wonderful charity. To date, Sweepers have helped provide over 400,000 meals to neighbors in need.

The 2023 edition of the Supermarket Street Sweep brought in the equivalent of 12,500 meals through donations of food and cash. Our racers, fundraisers, and volunteers made such a big splash that KPIX wanted to talk about it. Kudos to all involved.



It takes a village. The SMSW volunteer crew.



Top: Miles speaks to KPIX. Bottom: Some Street Sweep racers who braved the rain.

We’re also ever-thankful for our partnership with SF-Marin Food Bank Director of Community Engagement, Katy Mann McKnight: for welcoming this event with open arms, helping it run smoothly, and shining a light on our good deeds.

### LET’S GO EVEN BIGGER IN 2024.

Follow @bicycle.law or @sfstreetsweep on Instagram for updates, or check out [supermarketstreetsweep.com](http://supermarketstreetsweep.com). The event typically takes place in late November or early December.



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