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Practice Profile:

Mohebbi is a complex commercial trial lawyer representing clients in a variety of high-stakes matters, including the prosecution and defense of large-scale disputes involving billions of dollars in controversy.

Experience:

Mohebbi has helped clients secure successful results at all stages of federal and state court litigation, including in several highly publicized jury trials and appeals. He also regularly represents clients in both the entertainment/sports and technology spaces, with a particular focus on blockchain and digital assets, artificial intelligence, and visual effects, as well as the growing intersection between entertainment content development and technology.

For example, on one of his headline-grabbing matter, Mohebbi is part of the core team which shifted the narrative in bet-the-company litigation against Beyond Meat, a publicly traded pioneer of plant-based meat products. In 2020, Beyond Meat found itself embroiled in a dispute with former co-packer Don Lee Farms (DLF), in which its valuable IP is at stake. Beyond Meat tapped Latham to replace longtime counsel on the eve of trial. After discovering pathogens at DLF's facility, Beyond Meat terminated its relationship with the company, which sued Beyond Meat days later, alleging trade secrets misappropriation and unfair competition. Latham moved the client to the offense, amending Beyond Meat's cross-complaint to add a host of affirmative claims and moving for summary adjudication. Following a pandemic-related delay, the court granted the motion. The decision terminated

one of DLF's purported most valuable claims.

Mohebbi helped innovate a first-of-a-kind transaction for the music industry, advising the popular musicians The Chainsmokers in a groundbreaking non-fungible tokens transaction announced in May 2022. The Chainsmokers forged a partnership with Royal (royal.io) to mint 5,000 NFTs through Royal's platform.

In addition, where NFT creators typically obtain a percentage of secondary sales of the NFTs they create, through this deal The Chainsmokers will distribute all such secondary sale proceeds equally to the songwriters on the album. This transaction is unique in its demonstration of a viable and transparent Web3 method allowing artists, songwriters, producers, and collaborators to share more intimately the music experience and artistic success with fans, and to facilitate their independence and creative control.

Significant Cases and Matters:

- Lead counsel in Three Arrows Capital bankruptcy proceeding;
- Represents Beyond Meat in dispute with former co-packer Don Lee Farms;
- Represents Simon Property Group and The Macerich Company in a major breach of contract dispute with the City of Carson over a half-billion dollar redevelopment project;
- Omnicom indirect subsidiary Mercury in highly publicized dispute with former public affairs partners;
- Affiliate of Planet Hollywood in high-profile dispute with NFT artist.

Pro Bono Activity:

Mohebbi is also active in pro bono and community impact litigation, including before the U.S. Supreme Court. Of note, he led a high-profile criminal



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appeal regarding the legality of applying common police interrogation tactics under *Miranda v. Arizona* to children, which prompted sea-change legislative changes mandating the provision of counsel for minor children in custodial interrogation settings.

Service to the Bar:

Mohebbi has served for the last four years on the LA County Bar Association's (LACBA's) Access to Justice Committee. Last year, he was appointed to the Executive Committee of the Litigation Section of LACBA, and has served in several subcommittees.

Judicial Clerkship:

Prior to joining the firm, Mohebbi served as a judicial law clerk to Judge Jerome A. Holmes of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (2011-2012); and Judge Robert C. Chambers of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia (2010-2011).

Education:

JD, University of Pennsylvania Law School, 2010
BS, West Virginia University, 2007