BARTKO PAVIA LLP PARTNER OLIVER DUNLAP APPOINTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JUDICIAL FAIRNESS COALITION

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SAN FRANCISCO, November 13, 2026 — The California Judges Association (CJA) has appointed Oliver Dunlap, Partner at Bartko Pavia LLP, to the Board of Directors of the Judicial Fairness Coalition (JFC), the CJA's 501(c)(3) affiliate. The CJA Executive Board unanimously supported his appointment on October 25, 2026.

The JFC's mission is to foster the independence of California's courts and trust in the judicial system by providing education and resources about the judicial branch, speaking out in communities, and serving as a resource and voice when the judiciary is subject to unfair criticism, attacks, and security threats.

"I have long been involved with Bench-Bar and grass-roots organizations, helping where it seemed the profession most could use it. Over time, my volunteering came to focus more and more on the judicial branch: Judges are amongst the most hardworking public servants I know, managing tremendous workloads and dockets for our courts. To see them personally, and the rule of law generally, attacked so openly in recent years really motivated me to give more to JFC and its important work supporting these often unsung judicial branch heroes whose work if vital to our society and system of government." said Oliver Dunlap.

The CJA launched the JFC on August 1, 2018, in response to overwhelming support from the judicial and legal communities for a prompt, strategic response to unfair criticism and false or misleading information about justices, judges, and the judiciary. The JFC is a statewide coalition of active and retired justices and judges, bar associations and their leaders, and law school deans and professors dedicated to civic education and community outreach.

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Oliver is a civil litigator and trial attorney who handles complex matters for clients in life sciences, healthcare, technology, financial services, and energy and resources. He recently led trial operations for a large healthcare provider in a multibillion-dollar federal class action, obtaining a complete defense verdict after a decade of litigation. He is also recognized as a leader in confidentiality, protective orders, and document sealing in state and federal courts.

Oliver's service to the bar and the courts is extensive. He was appointed The Bar Association of San Francisco's Delegate to the American Bar Association's House of Delegates, and bar associations and the judiciary often enlist him for special projects. His pro bono work has earned him the Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Legal Services and the California Lawyer Magazine Angel Award, and he has been named a Northern California Super Lawyer.

Oliver is also a frequent speaker on the evolving legal landscape. In 2026, he served as a panelist for The Bar Association of San Francisco on "Building an International Law Practice in San Francisco" and for the SF Litigator Roundtable hosted by Advocacy AI on "From Pilot to Practice: AI and the Practice of Litigation." He also organized and hosted "The Future of AI Regulation" in collaboration with Georgetown University. His appointment to the JFC Board reflects his long-standing commitment to the courts and the profession.

About the Judicial Fairness Coalition

The Judicial Fairness Coalition is a statewide coalition of active and retired justices and judges, bar associations and their leaders, and law school deans and professors, launched by the California Judges Association in 2018. Learn more at https://www.caljudges.org/JFC/

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