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Overview

In 2023 Bryan Caforio obtained one of the biggest trial wins in the country: a \$330 million Final Award for his client after completing a full arbitration hearing. In a turbo-charged case that went to trial less than six months after filing the complaint, Caforio delivered the opening statement and closing argument at trial and deftly led the SG team to obtain a complete victory on behalf of his client, one of the largest independent power producers in the country.

Named a Leading Commercial Litigator in 2025 by the *Daily Journal*, Caforio is a member of Susman Godfrey's Executive Committee and has handled a wide array of commercial litigation, at both the trial and appellate level. This includes representing solar power companies, consumers, and tech startups, litigating against banks and other financial institutions, assisting whistleblowers alleging violations of the False Claims Act, and bringing cases involving AI, renewable energy, and more. Caforio's practice also "often involve[s] being called upon by large corporations and multimillionaires from around the globe in times of legal need." Caforio has been named a Plaintiff's Lawyer Trailblazer by the *National Law Journal* and was placed on the 40 and Under Hot List by *Benchmark Litigation*.

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“Bryan Caforio is the best trial lawyer I've ever worked with. He masterfully guided the litigation strategy from start to finish and put together a diverse team that emphatically outsmarted and outworked opposing counsel at every step. Bryan promised that our bet-the-company litigation would be his top priority – he delivered on his word and achieved a total victory that far exceeded our expectations! We bet right when we hired Bryan and SG.”

SUSMAN GODFREY

Vesco Petrov, General Counsel, Arevon Energy, Inc.

In addition to handling cases at the trial level, Caforio has also had success on appeal, including obtaining a 3-0 decision from California's 4th District Court of Appeal reversing the Superior Court's grant of summary judgment on his client's \$400 million fraud and misrepresentation claims. ([Watch the oral argument here](#)).

In 2016, Caforio was a candidate for Congress in California's 25th Congressional District, one of the most hotly contested races in the country. [Caforio was endorsed by President Barack Obama](#), Governor Jerry Brown, Senator Elizabeth Warren, the California Labor Federation, League of Conservation Voters, Human Rights Campaign, and more.

Caforio graduated *magna cum laude* from UCLA, where he was a two-time All-American Attorney and won the American Mock Trial Association National Championship twice. He graduated from Yale Law School, where he served as a Senior Editor of the *Yale Law & Policy Review*, and he clerked on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit for Judge Sidney R. Thomas.

Honors & Distinctions

- [Leading Commercial Litigator in California](#), *Daily Journal* (2025)
- [Plaintiffs Lawyer Trailblazer](#), *National Law Journal* (2022, ALM)
- [40 and Under Hot List](#), *Benchmark Litigation* (2020, Legal Media News)
- Rising Star, *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 Thomson Reuters)
- Senior Editor, *Yale Law & Policy Review* (2007-08)
- Morris Tyler Moot Court of Appeals Thurman Arnold Prize Finalist (2007)
- John Fletcher Caskey Prize Finalist (2006)
- Phi Beta Kappa (2005)
- American Mock Trial Association All-American Attorney (2003, 2005)
- American Mock Trial Association National Champion (2004, 2005)

Clerkships

Honorable Sidney R. Thomas, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 2008-2009

Education

The University of California, Los Angeles (B.A., Political Science, magna cum laude, College Honors, 2005)

Yale Law School (J.D., , 2008)

Admissions

Leadership & Professional Memberships

Bar Admissions

- California
- Fellow, American Bar Association
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Santa Clarita Valley Bar Association
- Antelope Valley Bar Association
- American Association for Justice