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Zein Obagi is a civil litigator reputed for aggressively prosecuting private and public interest cases against persons and organizations that have wronged. Before co-founding Obagi & Stodder LLP, Mr. Obagi practiced law with Allen Matkins LLP and Jones Bell LLP, and in 2010 founded the Obagi Law Group, which was comprised of bright and experienced attorneys who provided value-based, dedicated legal representation. In 2013, longtime friends and colleagues Zein Obagi and Seth Stodder saw the virtues that a partnership would bring to their clients and formed Obagi & Stodder LLP, as a firm with the wealth of experience, personnel and resources to provide unparalleled representation at a sustainable value.

Most recently, Mr. Obagi has represented a wide array of clients in claims against governments, including for civil and educational rights violations, breach of contract, inverse condemnation and deprivation of veteran's service-connected disability benefits. He has served as the unwavering strong voice of persons wronged by foreign countries, federal agencies, municipalities and local school districts.

Mr. Obagi has successfully litigated and tried several breach of contract and fraud cases, and obtained two awards for punitive damages after trial. After obtaining judgments for punitive damages, Mr. Obagi has asserted his clients' interests in U.S. Bankruptcy Courts, obtaining judgment for the non-dischargeability of debt incurred based on fraud and malicious injury.

Mr. Obagi has a strong judgment enforcement practice, and has successfully enforced judgments against defiant persons and institutions, including the country of Mexico. Mr. Obagi was associated as counsel after a local law firm had not been able to obtain payments on its judgment for eight years. That judgment was rendered for the Mexican Consulate's breach of contract with a janitorial services company. After eight months of aggressively pursuing Mexico, and obtaining orders to examine its Consular General, Mexico paid more than one and a half times the amount of the original judgment to settle.

His practice includes consumer advocacy, including defending individuals from meritless collections actions. As consumer debt collection defense counsel, Mr. Obagi has successfully obtained dismissal of a poorly supported complaint brought by a junk debt buyer, and, in a separate action, the reversal of a default judgment, the quashing of a writ of execution, and cessation of wage garnishment order where the consumer was never even served with a complaint in the case. Mr. Obagi has also prosecuted bad-faith insurers who have refused to perform their obligations under the policies procured by their insureds. Zein Obagi is dedicated to protecting and resolutely asserting his clients' interests, and Obagi & Stodder LLP's resources permits him and his team to provide the highest-level representation in each client's case.

Mr. Obagi received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley, and his Juris Doctorate from the University Of Southern California Gould School Of Law. He is currently admitted to practice law in the State of California and before the United States District Court for the Central and Southern Districts of California.