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Paul T. Llewellyn co-founded Lewis & Llewellyn LLP in 2012 with Marc R. Lewis, a colleague from Latham & Watkins LLP, to handle complex litigation matters for clients like Facebook, Inc., The Clorox Co., Tesla, Inc. and Top Agent Network, Inc. The firm also handles child sexual abuse matters.

A native of the UK, Llewellyn studied law at Oxford University and the Inns of Court School of Law in London. He was a crown prosecutor for the British government, where he tried about 100 cases to verdict before moving to the U.S.

Llewellyn was admitted to the State Bar in 2001. He retains his status as a British barrister.

Why relocate to the U.S.? "I was inspired by 'L.A. Law,'" he said. "My dream from age 10 was to be a litigator in Los Angeles." He got the chance during his Oxford years when L.A. firm Howarth & Smith offered him a law clerk fellowship and later hired him as an associate. "I got to live my dream," he said. "I have found it more exciting than 'L.A. Law.'"

For a group of real estate agents, Llewellyn is advancing antitrust claims that the National Association of Real-

tors is abusing its market dominance to quash competition from rival agents listing properties outside the NAR system. After losing at the trial court, Llewellyn is currently seeking reversal at the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. In April 2022, a circuit panel revived a similar case that had also been rejected by a trial judge. *Top Agent Network v. National Association of Realtors et al.*, 21-16494 (9th Cir., filed Sept. 10, 2021).

Llewellyn said an area of special interest is his firm's child sexual abuse litigation, a practice he and Lewis launched soon after they joined forces. Among numerous cases, in 2021 he represented a woman who sued a Marin County private school for having failed to protect female students from sexual abuse by a male athletics director. *Greene v. The Branson School*, CIV2100688 (Marin Co. Super. Ct. filed March 15, 2021).

The school settled favorably for his client, Llewellyn said. "We use the same litigation techniques as we do with our business clients, and the defense side often isn't used to that. These cases are what lights the fire in me. It's life-changing work."

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