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Working at the trial and appellate levels, Bryan Caforio represents a diverse range of clients, including solar power companies, consumers and tech startups. His litigation experience spans cases against banks and other financial institutions, assisting whistleblowers alleging violations of the False Claims Act, and handling cases involving AI, renewable energy and more.

“My dad was a great debater in college and then a speech and debate

coach, and he instilled in me a love of public speaking at a very young age,” Caforio said.

He graduated from Yale Law School in 2008 and subsequently clerked for Judge Sidney Thomas on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Since then, he has been practicing at Susman Godfrey, a firm founded by two of his mentors, Steve Susman and Lee Godfrey.

One of Caforio’s recent notable achievements includes first-chairing a confidential arbitration that resulted in a \$330 million win for his client, one of the country’s largest independent power producers.

The case involved allegations of breach of contract, fraud and other claims related to a multi-hundred-million-dollar solar project. The trial preparation was completed in less than four months.

“It was a huge logistical undertaking to get that case presented in that time frame, but in the end, everything went off without a hitch and we achieved a great result,” Caforio said.

Currently, he is co-lead counsel in a lawsuit on behalf of investors against Blackstone and its subsidiary companies, seeking hundreds of millions of

dollars in damages due to alleged breaches of contract and fiduciary duty. *Primexx Energy Opportunity Fund v. Primexx Energy Corporation, et al.*, 24-BC01B-0010 (Texas Business Court, filed Nov. 23, 2024).

He recently handled the motion for summary judgment hearing for the plaintiff, with discovery ongoing.

In another significant case, Caforio is co-lead counsel in a putative class action against UC Regents and other defendants for breach of contract and fiduciary duty, which allegedly resulted in a \$400 million investment loss. *Billman v. Regents of the University of California*, 23-cv-04777 (Alameda Super. Ct., filed Oct. 17, 2023).

He recently handled the demurrer hearing for the plaintiff, with discovery ongoing.

“One thing I really like about this profession is that every case is unique and presents new and different challenges,” Caforio said. “That can mean dealing with obstinate opposing counsel, tough rulings from the court, or complicated fact situations, but my job is always the same: get a firm grasp of the facts and law and create a simple story that the judge or jury can understand.”