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Robert Perrin has led Latham & Watkins' Los Angeles Litigation Department for over 12 years as its Co-Chair. He handles complex business litigation, securities litigation and professional liability matters, with a client roster that includes Fortune 500 companies, financial institutions, and major accounting firms.

Recently, Perrin has served as the lead attorney representing PG&E in connection with all shareholder litigation related to the devastating October 2017 Northern California wildfires and the November 2018 Camp fire. At last count, the fires have led to the filing of two federal securities class actions (now consolidated), and eight separate derivative lawsuits in state and federal court. This has put Perrin at the forefront of devising defenses to the recent wave of 'event-driven' securities litigation, where natural disasters, accidents and mass tort events are now giving rise to shareholder claims across the country.



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During the past two years, Marvin Putnam has been tapped as a go-to lawyer in cases connected to the #MeToo Movement, representing high-profile entertainment and media clients to conduct internal investigations, assist with government inquiries, and manage crises responses.

Prominent among these matters is the defense of Miramax and former board member of The Weinstein Company, Tim Sarnoff in the US-based Harvey Weinstein-related litigation. In less than 18 months, Mr. Putnam defeated every single Weinstein-related lawsuit filed against Miramax and Sarnoff in the US, an impressive feat given the media frenzy around the cases. These high-profile matters involve issues ranging from the ongoing viability of non-disclosure agreements to the creation of new exceptions from long-accepted Statutes of Limitations. Complementing his trial work, Putnam also often advises on complex entertainment and media transactional matters with an eye to limiting clients' potential litigation or exposure.