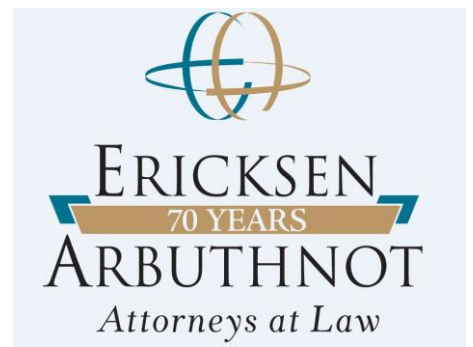


California



Shareholder,
Norma Chavez



Associate,
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Los Angeles Office Successfully Dismisses Suit Against Client

Shareholder Norma P. Chavez and Associate Nicholas I. Myers secured a dismissal through a Motion for Terminating Sanctions for Failure to Comply with a Discovery Order in a motor vehicle accident case against one of the Firm's client. Following the filing of multiple motions to compel responses to written discovery, Ms. Chavez and Mr. Myers were successful in persuading the court to dismiss the plaintiff's lawsuit.

Under California Code of Civil Procedure section 2023.030, Ms. Chavez and Mr. Myers argued that the court should impose a terminating sanction against a party who engages in an abuse of discovery by an order dismissing the action, or any part of the action, of that party. Misuse of the discovery process include but are not limited to: "(d) Failing to respond or to submit to an authorized method of discovery," and "(g) Disobeying a court order to provide discovery."