

# Bloomberg Law: Organized Crime Claims Won't Fly in San Francisco's Opioid Trial

Managing Partner, [Harry Nelson](#), was interviewed by [Bloomberg Law](#) regarding opioid litigation. A federal judge in California allowed San Francisco's opioid lawsuit to move forward but dismissed the city's racketeering claims.

From the [article](#):

The court's decision to let San Francisco's unfair competition claims proceed could offset some of the lost potential of the RICO claims, said Harry Nelson, a partner and founder of Nelson Hardiman LLP, a health care-focused firm in Los Angeles. That's because California has a strong unfair business practices law, he said.

"You're entitled to disgorge all the profits associated with" actions found to run afoul of the law, Nelson said. "That opens up a new level of potential damages risk. It's a legal theory that's been very threatening to businesses in California— it's been fuel to the plaintiff's bar here."

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