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Significance: The synthesis of planar 1,3-disubstituted chiral metallocenes via palladium-catalyzed remote C–H activation is reported. The reaction features high enantioselectivities and good functional group tolerance. Aryl iodides as well as bromides serve as compatible coupling partners.

Comment: An initial directed enantiodetermining C-H activation at the *ortho*-position, enabled by a chiral mono-N-protected natural amino acid ligand, is followed by a C-H activation of the remote *meta*-position using a bridgehead-substituted norbornene mediator, akin to the Catellani reaction.

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