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Firm Leadership
Pro Bono Committee, Member
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Areas of Focus
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Appellate
- Government
- Public Transit and Transportation
- Public Sector Litigation
- Class Actions
- Employee Benefits Litigation

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David focuses his practice on public agency litigation with an emphasis on complex matters, class actions, and multi-party litigation. With a background in writs, appeals, and law and motion, David brings invaluable knowledge and a unique perspective to his cases. In state court, David is experienced with the California Government Claims Act and the array of defenses it provides to public agencies. In federal court, David routinely defends special districts, counties, and state departments against various constitutional claims.

David was a prior Summer Associate at Hanson Bridgett and a judicial extern for Chief Judge Jennifer Gee in the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Administrative Law Judges. Currently, he is on the faculty at the University of California College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly UC Hastings) where he teaches legal research and writing, and appellate advocacy courses.

Representative Work

Public Transportation Law. Successfully represented local transportation districts in their defense against a high-stakes, multi-million dollar, class action alleging violations of state and federal due process clauses based on toll violation noticing procedures.

Government Law. Successfully defended local transportation district against putative class action alleging that toll invoices and penalties were unconstitutional fines.

Constitutional Law. Represented a group of business associations as amici curiae in appeal addressing injunctions on anti-camping ordinances across the American West under the Eighth Amendment.

Constitutional Law. Represented a group of behavioral science and economics scholars as amici curiae in appeal addressing interplay between free speech and equal protection rights.

Cannabis Law. Successfully defended a cannabis distribution company in a jury trial against a cannabis cultivator alleging distributor breached an implied-in-fact contract when distributor attempted to return unsellable cannabis and cannabis products.

Immigration Law. Secured a published Ninth Circuit victory on behalf of a gay Nigerian man seeking asylum and protection under the Convention Against Torture in the United States after he was discovered being intimate with his boyfriend in a Nigerian hotel and was threatened with death as a result of that discovery.

Publications

"America at 250 Requires an Independent Judiciary - Especially When Judicial Decisions Are Unpopular," *Hispanic National Bar Association* (September 2026)

"The Rule of Law is Under Attack: Our Oath Demands We Defend It," *Hispanic National Bar Association* (September 2025)

"Thank You For Being A Friend," *Appellate Insight* (October 2023)

"May We Approach the Bench?," co-author, *Daily Journal* (August 2023)

"California Supreme Court Clarifies Rules for Governments' Failure to Warn of Dangerous Traffic Conditions Liability, Leaves Door Open for Defenses," co-author, Government Legal Alert (May 2023)

"Pandemic-Era Extensions for Presenting Government Claims to Public Entity Defendants Expired on October 27, 2022," co-author, *Government Law Alert* (October 2022)

"Judicial Notice on Appeal (Part Two): Discretionary Subject Matter," *Appellate Insight* (October 2022)

"The California Court of Appeal Issues Key Ruling Clarifying Procedural Deadlines for Motions to Compel Under the Civil Discovery Act," *Litigation Law Alert* (October 2022)

"California Court Reaffirms that Litigation Threat Letters Should be Treated as Claims Under the Government Claims Act," co-author, Government Law Alert (July 2022)

"Judicial Notice on Appeal: Mandatory Subject Matter," *Appellate Insight* (October 2021)

"A California Court's Reminder On 'Law Of The Case' Doctrine," *Law360* (September 2020)

"LAW OF THE CASE: Application in California Courts," *Appellate Insight* (August 2020)

"Legal Ethics: Candor to the Courts & Adverse Authority," *Appellate Insight* (December 2019)

"Persuasive Writing & Footnote Folly," *Appellate Insight* (August 2019)

Presentations

"New and Emerging Technologies: Public Records, Discovery, and Records Retention," panelist, APTA Legal Affairs Seminar (March 2026)

"Protecting Public Transit Workers: Passenger Bans, Due Process, and Workplace Violence Restraining Orders in California," speaker, Practising Law Institute (February 2026)

"Supporting New & Early Career Attorneys," panelist, CA Latino Bench-Bar Leadership Summit (October 2025)

"Immigration Law at a Crossroads: Impact Litigation and the Role of Amici in Community Legal Services v. HHS", presenter, Mexican American Bar Association 2025 MCLE Travel Seminar to Spain (September 2025)

"A Conversation with the California Latino Judges Association," moderator, HNBA Golden Bar Speaker Series (February 2025)

"Litigating Homelessness: Grants Pass and Other Recent Cases," panelist, UC Law's Constitutional Quarterly (January 2025)

"Protect Frontline Workers: Safety Strategies, Rider Conduct, and Rule Enforcement (S)," co-presenter, California Transit Association Fall Conference (November 2024)

"Panel III: Lunch and Views from the Supreme Court with Associate Justice Evans," Bar Association San Francisco (November 2024)

"Unhoused/Homelessness Presentation," Commercial Real Estate Network ("CRePN") (August 2024)

"Building Your Book of Business," Hispanic National Bar Association Annual Conference (September 2024)

“What’s Next for Homelessness After Johnson v. Grants Pass?,” Bay Area Council (July 2024)

“Current Court Cases on ADA,” APTA 2024 Legal Affairs Seminar (February 2024)

“Personally Identifiable Information - Transit Agency Obligations & Risks,” APTA 2023 Legal Affairs Seminar (April 2023)

“Perfecting the Appeal: Preservation Jurisdiction & Prosecution,” CLA Annual Meeting (September 2021)

Press

“Hanson Bridgett Celebrates Landmark Supreme Court Victory for Birthright Citizenship,” Hanson Bridgett News (July 2026)

“LatinoJustice PRLDEF Supports Fight in the Supreme Court to Protect Birthright Citizenship,” LatinoJustice (February 2026)

“Hanson Bridgett’s Brian Schnarr and David Casarrubias Featured on 2023 Lawdragon 500 X – The Next Generation,” (July 2023)

“Meet UC Hastings Board of Governors Member David Casarrubias ‘18,” *UC Hastings* (August 2022)

“LGBTQ Attys and Staff Talk Inclusivity In Mid-Law,” *Law360 Pulse* (June 2022)

“9th Circ. Says BIA Must Rethink Gay Nigerian’s Torture Claim,” *Law360* (May 2022)

Honors & Awards

Marci Rubin Emerging Leader Award, California Minority Counsel Program (2026)

Lawdragon 500 X - The Next Generation, Appellate; Commercial Litigation (2023 – 2026)

California Lawyers Association, Wiley W. Manuel Pro Bono Legal Services Award (2018 – 2025)

Super Lawyers, Appellate; Civil Litigation (2023 - 2025)

UC Law San Francisco Latinx Law Students Association Distinguished Alumnus Award (2024)

Atlas Award Winner, LCLD Pathfinder Program (2023)

Professional Affiliations

UC Law SF Alumni Association, Vice President (2026-2028)

California Minority Counsel Program, Ambassador

Hispanic National Bar Association, Vice Chair of Communications (LGBT Division)

Hispanic National Bar Association, Regional Governor (Northern California & Hawaii) (2024-2027)

Contributor, Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB), Civil Appellate Practice Guide, Chapter 4 (2024–2026 Update Author)

Mexican American Bar Association, Board of Trustees (2025-2026)

Hispanic National Bar Association, Chair of the Young Lawyers Division (2023-2024)

Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD), Pathfinder (2023)

Executive Committee of the Bar Association of San Francisco's Appellate Law Section

Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (BALIF)

The Barristers Club of the Bar Association of San Francisco

San Francisco La Raza Lawyers Association

The National LGBT Bar Association

Judicial Clerkships

Judicial Apprentice to the Hon. Judge Judith L. Meyer, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Long Beach Courthouse

Judicial Extern to the District Chief Judge Jennifer Gee, U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Administrative Law Judges

Academic Distinctions

Governor, UC Hastings Alumni Association Board of Governors

Member, UC Hastings Honor Society

Co-Chair, UC Hastings Moot Court Board (2017-2018)

Education

J.D., *cum laude* UC Law San Francisco (Formerly UC Hastings) (2018)

B.A., *magna cum laude,* Pi Sigma Alpha California State University, Long Beach (2014)

Admissions and Courts

California

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California

Supreme Court of the United States