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Firm Leadership

Recruiting Committee, Chair

Areas of Focus

- Business Litigation
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Product Liability and Torts
- Insurance Recovery
- Public Sector Litigation



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Kaylen is a Partner in the Litigation & Dispute Resolution group, serving clients in a variety of matters, including business and commercial disputes, product liability and other tort and injury claims, real estate, public entity litigation, among others. He also assists clients in responding to subpoenas and other related inquiries, and provides advice with respect to their internal policies and procedures. He has been recognized as a “Rising Star” by Super Lawyers Magazine.

Representative Work

Product manufacturer. Represented a product manufacturer in a commercial contract dispute involving international parties and accounts. Client was awarded full damages plus attorneys’ fees and costs following court trial.

Property owners. Represented San Francisco property owners in a property damage case involving unpermitted upgrades and remodeling work performed in a neighboring restaurant’s kitchen. The case settled to clients’ satisfaction during jury trial.

Property owners. Defended property owners in a real estate contract dispute. Clients achieved a full defense verdict, plus an award of attorneys’ fees and costs following court trial.

Property owners. Defended property owners in a dispute with a neighbor involving prescriptive easement, trespass, and nuisance, resulting in a

favorable jury verdict.

Engineering firm. Represented an engineering firm in complex Millennium Tower litigation.

Technology licensor. Represented a licensor of memory card technology in a contract dispute with a foreign licensee.

Dental insurer. Defended large dental insurer in member termination actions. Obtained favorable summary judgment rulings, which eviscerated the bulk of plaintiffs' substantive claims.

Investment dispute. Represented manager of investment entities in complex litigation involving EB-5 foreign investments.

Software company. Represented software as a service ("SaaS") company in fraud, breach of implied contract, and false advertising claim.

Rideshare company. Currently representing rideshare company in several high-value intentional tort and personal injury actions.

Publications

"Policing Hearsay," co-author, *Daily Journal* (October 2023)

"Recent Decisions On Statutory Immunities Under the California Tort Claims Act," HB Briefly (May 2018)

"Class Certification Bid 'Deflated' by Court of Appeal for Lack of Ascertainability," HB Briefly (March 2018)

Presentations

"Putting the Company's Best Food Forward in Deposition and Trial," presenter, USLAW Retail and Hospitality Industry Executive Risk Forum (April 2025)

Honors & Awards

Super Lawyers, Business Litigation; General Litigation (2019-2023)

California Lawyers Association, Wiley W. Manuel Pro Bono Legal Services Award (2019-2021)

Professional Affiliations

Bar Association of San Francisco, Member

Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD), Pathfinder (2018)

Defense Research Institute (DRI), Young Lawyers Committee

Judicial Clerkships

Judicial Extern to the Honorable Joseph C. Spero, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California (2011)

Academic Distinctions

Thurston Society

The Hastings Law Journal

CALI & Witkin Awards: Energy Law, Civil Procedure II, Legal Research & Writing II

Education

J.D., *magna cum laude* UC Law San Francisco (Formerly UC Hastings) (2013)

B.A., University of San Francisco (2008)

Admissions and Courts

California

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

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

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