

Brett Meyerhoff

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Brett Meyerhoff represents clients at both the trial and appellate level, with experience across a broad range of legal matters including trademark infringement, antitrust exclusive dealing and monopolization, trade secret misappropriation, and breach of contract.

At the trial level, Brett has won numerous dispositive motions, first-chaired a jury trial, second-chaired a bench trial, and defended clients in both state and federal court. At the appellate level, he has drafted numerous briefs before the United States Courts of Appeals as well as the California Courts of Appeal, and has successfully argued before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Brett has also assisted with amicus briefs in criminal procedure cases, including to the U.S. Supreme Court.

He maintains an active pro bono practice, including the representation of individuals in immigration proceedings.

Brett served as a law clerk to the Honorable Johnnie B. Rawlinson of the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. While in law school, he served as a judicial extern to the Honorable William R. Dorsey of the US Department of Labor, Office of Administrative Law Judges. Brett was also a managing editor of the UCLA Journal of Environmental Law and Policy, a legal extern at SAG-AFTRA, and a legal research and writing advisor for first-year law students.



EDUCATION

- University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law, J.D.
- University of California, Irvine, B.A., *summa cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

- California
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S.D.C Central District of California
- U.S.D.C Southern District of California

CLERKSHIPS

Hon. Johnnie B. Rawlinson
U.S. Court of Appeals for
the Ninth Circuit

Brett's Representative Matters

- Successfully represented a plaintiff in a two-week jury trial in a breach of contract case, serving as the joint first-chair and achieving a complete verdict in favor of plaintiff after the jury deliberated for under an hour (California Superior Court, Los Angeles County, 2024)
- Part of a cross-office appellate team that represented a major online short-term rental platform in a landmark matter interpreting the California Coastal Act of 1976. The plaintiff sought a state-wide injunction concerning all short-term rentals located within California's 1,100 mile-long coastal zone. After the matter had been dismissed by the trial court, the team won affirmance on appeal. (California 2nd District Court of Appeal, Division Three, 2023)
- In the United States Immigration Court, acted as lead counsel and secured asylum on behalf of a pro bono client. (United States Immigration Court, 2023)

PRACTICE AREAS

- Appellate Litigation

- Part of a cross-office team that won summary judgment on behalf of the defendant, a leading maker of office headsets and videoconferencing products, in connection with a trade secret misappropriation action filed by a multinational corporation (US District Court for the Northern District of California, 2023).
- In the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, won a unanimous victory in an asylum and withholding of removal case on behalf of two pro bono clients. (Zita-Martinez v. Garland, 2021).
- Defended an independent power producer in the successful arbitration of a contract dispute concerning a half billion dollar renewable energy development project (2020).
- Obtained summary judgment for a leading health insurance company, defeating provider claims seeking more than \$8 million in compensatory damages in addition to punitive damages (US District Court for the Central District of California, 2020).
- Defended a hospital in a contractual dispute with a physician group, serving as second chair during an arbitration that resulted in a finding of no breach of contract (2019).
- Defended a health insurance company in civil litigation against a former out-of-network provider, resulting in summary judgment for the health insurance company on all eight causes of action (California Superior Court, Los Angeles County, 2019).

- Complex Civil Litigation
- Antitrust and Competition Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Intellectual Property and Patent Litigation

Brett's Associations

- USC Gould School of Law, Adjunct Professor, 2023-2024
- Alumni Mentor, 1L students at UCLA School of Law, 2019-present
- UC Irvine School of Law's Moot Court Competition, Judge, 2023-present
- UCLA School of Law's Moot Court Competition, Judge, 2023 – present