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Education

J.D., with honors, The University of Chicago Law School

M.F.A., University of California, San Diego

B.A., Hampshire College

Admissions

California

Biography

Ben is a commercial and environmental litigator who represents plaintiffs and defendants in a range of complex disputes. He has worked on matters before courts at every level of the judicial system – from California state court to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Ben holds a BA from Hampshire College and an MFA from UC San Diego. He received his JD (with honors) from the University of Chicago.

Prior to joining Miller Barondess, Ben practiced in the Los Angeles offices of a large, international firm.

Notable Representations

- Represents a public agency seeking remediation of a contaminated industrial site.
- Successfully secured early dismissal of research supply distributor in action claiming laboratory chemicals were distributed without appropriate warnings.
- Secured enhanced protections against COVID-19 for all detainees in a large county jail system.
- Represented technology start-up founders and investors in multiple stock-dilution matters.

- Represented group of hospitals in a multi-million-dollar underpayment suit against a large insurer.
- Successfully settled multiple wage-and-hour claims for construction workers and secured full back pay and additional penalties.
- Represented environmental non-profits to secure injunctive relief and monetary penalties against multiple polluters for violations of the Clean Water Act.

Honors and Awards

- Member of team awarded ACLU of Southern California's Humanitarian Award for leading COVID-19-related litigation against the Orange County Sheriff's Department and the County of Orange.
- As a law student, awarded the Surfrider Foundation's Wavemaker award as part of a team that led successful litigation against US Steel in relation to a large hexavalent chromium spill.

Professional Activities

- Served as editor for several small journals and magazines and co-edited the anthology *THE OFFICIAL CATALOG OF THE LIBRARY OF POTENTIAL LITERATURE*
- Chicago Jewish Artists Fellow at the Spertus Institute (2018-2019 academic year)
- Visiting scholar at the University of Pennsylvania (2010-2011 academic year)
- Visiting writer at several artists' residencies including Mustarinda in Finland and Haisyakkei in Japan