

## Brian Neach

### Counsel



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#### Education

J.D., *magna cum laude*, University of Notre Dame Law School

B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara

#### Admissions

California

District of Columbia

#### Biography

Brian is a business litigator admitted to practice in California and the District of Columbia. He represents clients in state and federal courts in a broad range of matters, including contract, fraud, employment, Section 1983, and merger and acquisition litigation.

Before attending law school, Brian was a practicing Certified Public Accountant in California. He is the treasurer and board member for the Orange County Constitutional Rights Foundation, a non-profit, non-partisan education organization dedicated to empowering Orange County youth to be active, responsible citizens through legal and other education.

Brian received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Economics (accounting concentration) from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and his Juris Doctor from the University of Notre Dame School of Law.

Before joining Miller Barondess, Brian practiced in a large international firm's Newport Beach office and was a shareholder in an Orange County firm specializing in business litigation.

#### Representative Matters

*General Litigation*

- Obtained summary judgment for Chinese citizens accused of defrauding a publicly-traded education corporation based on California Code of Civil Procedure 361 (statute of limitations).
- Obtained summary judgment for aquaculture company on claims asserted by former employee for receipt of “change-in-control” payments.
- Obtained dismissal of complaint filed in OC Superior Court against owner of safe distribution business based on California’s litigation privilege.
- Represented hard-drive manufacturer in dispute regarding \$40 million working capital adjustments arising from asset purchase.

### Trial Experience

- Represented school district in trial involving complex construction disputes and delay claims.
- Obtained post-trial dismissal of fraudulent transfer claims against a large sporting goods retailer that acquired the assets of another chain.
- Represented national homebuilder in a year-long bench trial involving accounting and mismanagement claims seeking hundreds of millions of dollars in damages; instead, secured a \$54 million judgment, including attorneys’ fees, against the plaintiff.
- Represented a global leader in the development of innovative pharmaceutical and medical device products in a three-week bench trial involving misappropriation of trade secrets against a major competitor and obtained broad, permanent injunctive relief.
- Represented a large law firm in obtaining a complete defense verdict in a jury trial involving allegations of legal malpractice.