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PRACTICE GROUPS

- ▶ Business Litigation
- ▶ Health Care
- ▶Plaintiff's Litigation
- ▶ Products Liability

EDUCATION

- ▶J.D., University of San Diego School of Law (1989)
- ▶B.A., University of California, San Diego (1986)

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- **▶**California
- ► Federal Courts, Northern, Central, Eastern, and Southern Districts

AFFILIATIONS

- ▶State Bar of California
- ▶ American Bar Association
- ▶San Diego County Bar Association
- San Diego County Bar Association Judicial Review Committee (Former Member)
- ▶ Lawyers Club of San Diego
- ► California Academy of Attorneys for Health Care Professionals
- ▶ Joint Medical-Legal Commission (Past President, Former Member)
- ► San Diego Defense Lawyers (Board of Directors, Former Member)
- ► The American Inns of Court (William Enright Chapter)
- Former Chairperson, HFM Health Care Practice Group

WILLIAM A. MILLER

William Miller has been practicing law for over 30 years, predominantly focused on civil litigation and litigation avoidance in various areas of specialties.

Mr. Miller has been a Partner since joining HFM in 1999, having previously been a Partner with the firm of McInnis, Fitzgerald, Rees, Sharkey & McIntyre. To date, he has successfully tried numerous matters to jury verdict, as well as successfully tried numerous binding and non-binding arbitrations to favorable awards.

Mr. Miller has represented businesses, health care providers, as well as national health care entities in business litigation, professional liability, as well as licensing investigations and disciplinary matters. His practice has also included product liability defense, defense of elder/dependent Abuse claims, defense of accessibility claims under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and various other matters.

In addition to representing larger self-insured clients, Mr. Miller has also previously been approved as "panel counsel" for numerous national insurers.

Mr. Miller's notable trial and binding arbitration experience includes a six-week wrongful death trial (verdict in favor of clients), an eight-week professional liability and battery trial involving alleged brain damage and damages of \$15 million (verdict in favor of clients), numerous other professional liability trials (with verdicts in favor of clients), and a favorable binding arbitration award in an intellectual property dispute (successfully defending a \$7 million claim, and also obtaining a verdict in excess of \$400,000 on a cross-complaint). He has also represented a national, publicly traded, health care entity in the defense of class action claims. Notable settlements include a \$3.45 million settlement in real estate claims brought against Bank of America, as well as various other favorable settlements. His experience has resulted in several favorable California Court of Appeal decisions, and the published California Supreme Court decision of *Daniel* Berglund vs. Arthroscopic & Laser Surgery Center of San Diego, LP, et al. (2008) 44 C.4th 528.

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WILLIAM A. MILLER

Mr. Miller is the immediate past chair of HFM's Health Care Practice Group. He has received the highest rating (AV) available from Martindale-Hubbell for legal ability and ethics, has been distinguished as a "Super Lawyer for Southern California" by Thomson Reuters, the "Best of the Bar" by the *San Diego Business Journal*, and a "Top Lawyer" by *San Diego Magazine*.

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