



DOUGLAS M. BUTZ

Doug Butz has represented regional, national, and international law firms in a variety of professional liability matters for nearly four decades.

During that time, he has also represented accounting firms, national insurance brokerages, and publicly held and privately held business entities in professional liability and business litigation matters in state and federal courts. Mr. Butz has a proven track record of courtroom success in the trial of high exposure cases.

Mr. Butz has tried in excess of 100 cases in courts of unlimited jurisdiction. He has successfully defended national and international law firms in complex professional liability actions, international accounting firms in coordinated professional liability class action cases, and public agencies in high value, multi-plaintiff cases involving claims of massive failure of public infrastructure. His business litigation experience also includes contractual disputes, real estate litigation, unfair competition and false advertising, trade secret infringement, claims against directors and officers, and the defense of lender liability claims.

Mr. Butz has been recognized as a Southern California Super Lawyer® continuously since 2007. More recently, he was recognized as the “San Diego Legal Malpractice Lawyer of the Year” for both 2012 and 2013. He has been listed in the “Best Lawyers of America” continuously since 1991, one of a limited number of attorneys recognized as such for more than 20 years. Finally, and most significantly, he is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates and has been a Fellow of the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers since 1992. Fellowship is by invitation only after a lengthy and detailed investigation into a nominee’s trial abilities and ethical behavior. Election requires a finding that the candidate possesses exceptional courtroom skills, engages in a highly ethical practice, and is generally limited to the top one percent of attorneys.

PRACTICE GROUPS

- ▶ Business Litigation
- ▶ Professional Liability

EDUCATION

- ▶ J.D., University of Southern California School of Law (1974)
- ▶ B.S., San Diego State University, Business Administration (1971)

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- ▶ All Courts in the State of California
- ▶ United States District Court, Southern District
- ▶ United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- ▶ United States Supreme Court

AFFILIATIONS

- ▶ State Bar of California
- ▶ San Diego County Bar Association, Former Director and Vice President
- ▶ American College of Trial Lawyers, inducted in 1991
- ▶ American Board of Trial Advocates, inducted in 1981, President of San Diego Chapter 1994-1995
- ▶ Litigation Counsel of America
- ▶ Association of Business Trial Lawyers
- ▶ International Association of Defense Counsel
- ▶ Professional Liability Underwriting Society
- ▶ American Inn of Court, Master of the Bench
- ▶ San Diego Inn of Court, President 1990

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Based on his peer recognition and wealth of experience in the litigation of high value claims, Mr. Butz brings great credibility, judgment, and perspective to bear on any litigated matter. His years of experience enable him to quickly sort through extraneous matter and correctly identify the core issues necessary for resolution of a dispute. He works shoulder to shoulder with clients to develop result-driven strategies to creatively terminate litigation as promptly as possible. In those cases where a pre-trial resolution is not possible, Doug and his team have the demonstrated courtroom skill set to win the case at trial.

As part of his practice, Mr. Butz is frequently asked to speak on trial practice and professional liability issues. He has been a Master in the American Inns of Court for more than 25 years. When not practicing, Doug enjoys playing golf, skiing, and almost any outdoor activity. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of Pro Kids of San Diego, a wonderful organization that teaches important life skills to challenged inner-city kids through the game of golf.

AWARDS & HONORS

- "San Diego Legal Malpractice Law (Defendants) Lawyer of the Year," Best Lawyers® (2013)
- "San Diego Legal Malpractice Law Lawyer of the Year," Best Lawyers® (2012)
- Southern California Super Lawyer® (2007-2019)
- The Best Lawyers in America (1991-2020)
- Rated "AV" by Martindale Hubbell (1982-2019)