



## Alexander J. L. Kaplan

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Alex Kaplan is a civil litigator. He represents clients in federal and state court litigation, as well as in arbitration, mediation, and other forums.

Alex handles individual, derivative, and multi-party disputes involving all manner of claims, including, among others, claims for fraud, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, various intentional and negligence-based torts, product liability, and wrongful death. He also handles claims brought under California's Unfair Competition Law, False Advertising Law, and Consumer Legal Remedies Act, as well as RICO, 42 U.S.C. § 1983, and the Fair Labor Standards Act.

While Alex enjoys the courtroom, he brings most of his cases to a close long before trial. Owing to his written advocacy skills, Alex routinely compels court actions into arbitration, obtains dismissals at the pleading stage, and obtains dispositions on motions for summary judgment. Alex also brings judiciousness and procedural know-how to every case. Whatever the forum, Alex's advocacy is precise, creative, and tailored to clients' priorities. His genuine interest in getting to know clients, their businesses, and their priorities make him a valuable and trusted advocate.

During law school, Alex served as a judicial extern to the Honorable Mitchell L. Beckloff and the Honorable Roy Paul, both of the Los Angeles County Superior Court. While awaiting bar exam results, he worked as a volunteer law clerk in the Sexually Violent Predator Unit of the Los Angeles County District Attorney Office's Sex Crimes Division.

Alex spends much of his free time thinking about food or engaging in food-related activities. Whether he is cooking, hosting a dinner party, or trying a new restaurant, Alex is having a good time. He also enjoys watching professional baseball, basketball, football, hockey, and boxing.

### **Education**

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- University of Southern California, Gould School of Law (J.D., 2015); Hale Honors Moot Court; Region 15 Champion, NYC Bar Association National Moot Court Competition
- Davidson College (B.A., 2012); Study Abroad at Peking University

### **State Admissions**

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- California, 2015
- District of Columbia, 2022

### **Federal Admissions**

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- United States District Court, Central District of California
- United States District Court, Eastern District of California
- United States District Court, Northern District of California

### **Languages**

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- Mandarin (conversational)

### **Service Areas**

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- Business Litigation

### **Experience**

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- Prevailed on a motion for summary judgment of a discrimination, retaliation, and wrongful termination lawsuit
- Obtained no-merit determination and summary adjudication of CLRA, false advertising, UCL, and fraud claims
- Successfully moved for terminating sanctions against opposing party and counsel for their willful misuses of the discovery process
- Prevailed on motion to dismiss lawsuit involving § 1983, negligence, and wrongful death claims
- Second-chaired a jury trial, which ultimately yielded a favorable result for client
- Assisted with appeal that upheld seven-figure award to client
- Disposed of various claims for relief at the pleading stage in state and federal courts

### **Publications & Events**

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#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- “[New California Employment Laws for 2024: What Employers Need to Know](#),” Tucker Ellis Client Alert (January 2024)