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Dustin Dodgin is a partner in the firm's Business & Commercial Litigation Department and Labor & Employment Department. He practices in the areas of business and employment litigation, corporate and real estate transactions, and business counseling. Dustin was selected as a 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 Southern California Rising Star by the *Super Lawyers* magazine.

In his employment practice, Dustin routinely represents employers in state and federal courts in California, in arbitrations, and before the DLSE, EDD, and the U.S. Department of Labor. He defends employers in private and law enforcement wage-and-hour litigation involving PAGA claims, misclassification, overtime, meal period, rest break claims, and prevailing wage violations, among others. He handles class action lawsuits, single-plaintiff discrimination, harassment, retaliation and wrongful termination actions, and he represents employers in employee embezzlement, trade secret misappropriation, and workplace violence cases.

Dustin also handles business litigation and general business and transactional matters for clients in the oil and gas, construction, real estate, healthcare, agriculture, transportation, equipment manufacturing and sales, and insurance industries.

Practice Focus

Business & Commercial Litigation, Labor & Employment, Partnership and Corporate Law, Business Transactions, Real Estate Transactions

Bar Admissions

State Bar of California, (2006); U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, (2010)
U.S. District Court, Eastern (2006) Southern (2010), and Central (2012) Districts of California

Education

Bachelor of Arts, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2003
Juris Doctor, University of San Diego School of Law, 2006
- CALI Award, Civil Practicum 2006
- San Diego Law Review, Lead Editor and Symposium Coordinator

Boards and Committees

Kern County Employees' Retirement Association, Board of Trustees (2014-present)
- Vice Chairman (2016)
- Chairman (2017-present)
Kern County Bar Association, Judicial Application Evaluation Committee (2013-2014)
Bakersfield Planning Commission (2013-15)
- Chairman (2014-15)
Goodwill Industries of South Central California, Board of Directors (2009-15)
- Chairman (2011-14), Vice Chairman (2010-11, 2015)
Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Bakersfield, Advisory Council
- Chairman (2014-15), Vice Chair (2013-14), Project Chair (2012-13), Team Advisor (2009-10)

Other Community Involvement

Bakersfield College, Adjunct Professor (2007-present)
Center for Civic Education, "We the People...the Citizen and the Constitution": National Competition Judge (2012)
Kern County Superintendent of Schools Programs
- Mock Trial Program: Judge (2006-08), Attorney Coach, Centennial High (2008-11)
- National History Day: Judge (2007-13)
- "We the People...the Citizen and the Constitution": Judge (2009-present)
American Youth Soccer Organization, Coach (2016-present)
Sigma Phi Epsilon, Cal Beta Beta Chapter, Resident Scholar (2004-05)

Professional Experience

Klein DeNatale Goldner, 2006 - present
Extern, U.S. District Court, Southern District of California, Hon. Barry Ted Moskowitz, 2005
Law Clerk, U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of California, 2005