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## Dustin S. Dodgin | Partner

Dustin Dodgin is a partner in the firm's Business and Commercial Litigation Department and Labor & Employment Department. His multi-disciplinary practice covers business and employment litigation, corporate and real estate transactions, business counseling, construction and real estate litigation, energy law, and government relations. Dustin was selected as a 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 Southern California Rising Star by the Super Lawyers magazine.

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

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.

### 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, 2020  
- Chairman, 2017-2018  
- Investment Committee Chairman, 2019-2020  
Kern County Bar Association, Judicial Application Evaluation Committee, 2013-2014  
Bakersfield Planning Commission, 2013-2015  
- Chairman, 2014-2015  
Goodwill Industries of South-Central California, Board of Directors, 2009-2015  
- Chairman, 2011-2014 | Vice Chairman, 2010-2011, 2015  
Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Bakersfield, Advisory Council  
- Chairman, 2014-2015 | Vice Chair, 2013-2014 | Project Chair, 2012-2013 | Team Advisor, 2009-2010

### Other Community Involvement

Bakersfield College, Adjunct Professor, 2007-2019  
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, 2006-2008 | Attorney Coach, Centennial High, 2008-2011  
- National History Day: Judge, 2007-2013  
- "We the People...the Citizen and the Constitution": Judge, 2009-Present  
American Youth Soccer Organization, Coach, 2016-Present  
Bakersfield Southwest Baseball, Coach, 2019  
Sigma Phi Epsilon, Cal Beta Beta Chapter, Resident Scholar, 2004-2005

### 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