



## Andrew L. Collier Partner

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### Practice Areas

Complex Business Litigation | Environmental/Toxics Litigation | Financial Institutions | Food & Agriculture | Food & Agriculture Litigation | Intellectual Property Litigation | Real Property & Land Use Litigation

Andrew Collier has 20 years of experience as a civil litigator specializing in complex commercial disputes.

Andrew is deeply committed to his clients and has a singular focus on achieving their goals with efficiency, creativity, and teamwork. He helps his clients avoid problems and find solutions with the right balance of sophistication and pragmatism. Andrew brings these core values to bear in a practice with great breadth and diversity.

Andrew represents all types of clients, including individuals, local and regional businesses, and Fortune 100 companies. He handles a wide spectrum of subject matters involving food and agriculture, creditors' rights and finance, real property and land use, shareholders and corporations, contracts, contaminated property and groundwater, and intellectual property. Andrew helps his clients navigate in a variety of settings, including state and federal court, arbitration, and before the state's administrative agencies.

Andrew's clients value his approach and judgment, and continue to seek his advice even after he has successfully resolved their matter. He acts as special counsel to a number of his clients, including a local internet technology company, a regional financial institution, and an international fruit packing company.

Andrew came to Sacramento and Downey Brand in 2003 from one of California's largest firms and became a partner in 2007. His firm leadership roles include serving two terms on Downey Brand's Executive Committee. In 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018, Andrew's peers voted him a "Top Lawyer" in litigation.

## Experience

### Creditors' Rights/Agricultural Finance

- Special counsel to regional agricultural financial institution.
- Represented financial institutions in obtaining appointment of receiver in state court.
- Represented financial institutions in obtaining writs of possession in state court.

- Represented financial institutions in obtaining writs of attachment in state court.
- Represented financial institutions in commercial loan and guaranty disputes in state and federal court.
- Represented financial institutions in defense of lender liability claims in state court.

## **Contract**

- Represented local aerospace company in business purchase agreement dispute in state court.
- Represented locally owned regional grocery store chain in contract dispute in state court.
- Represented locally owned regional nursing home business in contract/shareholder dispute in state court.
- Special counsel to family-owned international fruit packing company.
- Represented regional healthcare provider in service/management contract dispute.
- Represented statewide vehicle dealer in business purchase dispute in state court.

## **Partnership/Shareholder/Fiduciary**

- Represented international fruit packing company in defense of minority shareholder dispute.
- Represented dissociated partner in emerging technology general partnership dispute.
- Represented minority shareholder in South Lake Tahoe casino dispute.
- Represented minority-owned local supermarket in shareholder dispute in state court

## **Environmental/Toxics**

- Obtained writ of mandate invalidating California's chromium 6 drinking water standard.
- Represented developer in Clean Water Act dispute in federal court and before administrative agency.
- Represented former landfill owner in RCRA, CERCLA, and nuisance dispute in federal court.
- Represented municipality in Clean Water Act dispute in federal court and before administrative agency.

## **Real Property**

- Represented family held real estate company in Nevada casino lease dispute in state court.
- Represented local commercial rice grower in purchase agreement dispute in arbitration.
- Represented developer in fraudulent transfer dispute in state and bankruptcy court
- Represented co-tenant in commercial alfalfa farming and partition dispute in state court.

## **Intellectual Property**

- Special counsel to local internet technology company.
- Represented international fruit packing company in patent dispute in federal trial and appellate court.

## Professional & Community Service

- American Leadership Forum, Mountain Valley Chapter, Class XXII, 2018-2019
- Farm to Fork Steering Committee, 2018

## Education

- J.D., University of San Francisco School of Law, 1997
- B.A., University of California at Berkeley, 1990

## Honors & Rankings

- Best Lawyers in America<sup>®</sup>, Commercial Litigation, 2020
- *Sacramento Magazine*, Top Lawyer, Commercial Law, Banking & Finance Litigation, General Litigation, Business Litigation, Intellectual Property Litigation, 2015-2020
- *Sacramento Business Journal*, Best of the Bar, 2017-2018

## Legal Alerts

- *Farm Lenders and Farming Organizations File Amicus Brief in Crucial Ninth Circuit Water Case*, May 23, 2014