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Practice Areas Appellate & Writ Practice | Complex Business Litigation

Known for his client-centric approach and effective, efficient resolution skills, Bradley Carroll is a seasoned litigator who focuses on complex business disputes in trial courts and on appeal. His combined experience as an appellate staff attorney and trial attorney allows Bradley to successfully guide clients through arduous, high-stakes business disputes and litigation.

Bradley's significant accomplishments as a litigator include serving as second-chair trial counsel during a fourweek jury trial in a major dispute between a business and its former outside consultant/management organization. He has also secured the reversal of an adverse judgment against his client on appeal, an excellent and rare result in California where defendants with judgments against them face an uphill battle on appeal.

Although Bradley handles all kinds of business disputes, he also specializes in helping clients who are navigating internal disputes among and between owners, partners, and shareholders of businesses. His experience in this area allows him to guide clients who are facing internal disputes that can imperil both businesses and long-held professional and personal relationships. In these stressful situations, Bradley stands ready to assist clients in both the preservation of businesses or, if necessary, negotiated business divorces.

Before joining Downey Brand in 2015, Bradley served two years as a staff attorney for the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta, Georgia, where he advised appellate judges and court staff on a variety of appellate cases, including habeas corpus cases, appeal of civil damages cases brought by prisoners, and criminal appeals.

Experience

- Drafted portions of state and federal appellate briefs on behalf of major timber company in procedurally and substantively complex litigation involving six consolidated state actions and one federal action and claims seeking an aggregate of approximately \$1 billion.
- Drafted complaint in multi-million dollar contract dispute alleging breach of contract to achieve repayment of client's funds.

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- Drafted discovery in complex trademark action on behalf of client accused of trademark infringement.
- Drafted portions of arbitration brief in dispute arising between client and buyer of client's business.
- Drafted motion seeking attorneys' fees under the private attorney general doctrine on behalf of client.
- Successfully drafted reply brief on motion for protective order in dispute seeking discovery from client after judgment in underlying case.
- Drafted complaint in breach of contract action seeking funds owed to client for performance of the contract.

Professional & Community Service

- KVIE, Board of Directors, 2024-present
- Leadership Sacramento, Sacramento Metro Chamber Foundation, Class of 2023
- RedRover, Board of Directors, 2018-2024; Treasurer, 2022-2023; Secretary, 2023-2024
- Sacramento County Bar Association, Civil Litigation Law Section, 2015-present
- Federal Bar Association, Sacramento Chapter, 2015-present
- California Lawyers Association, Litigation Section, 2015-present

Education

- J.D., with high honors, The George Washington University Law School, 2013
- B.A., with honors, University of California at Davis, 2009

Honors & Rankings

- Best Lawyers in America[®], Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation, 2024-2025
- SacTown Magazine (formerly Sacramento Magazine), Top Lawyer, Business Litigation, 2018 and 2024
- Externship, Justice Ronald Robie, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, 2011
- Order of the Coif
- The George Washington Law Review, Executive Editor
- First Place, McKenna Long & Aldridge "Gilbert A. Cuneo" Government Contracts Moot Court Competition