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Practice Areas

CEQA / NEPA | Endangered Species | Environmental/Toxics Litigation |
Groundwater Law | Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) |
Water Law | Water Rights Litigation

Brian Hamilton applies his litigation skills to help water clients achieve results in and out of the courtroom.

Brian has represented clients in all stages of litigation. Brian's practice now focuses on water law and environmental litigation, but his background includes commercial, real estate, and employment litigation. Brian's litigation practice brings him before courts throughout California on a range of matters. His trial background includes sitting as second-chair in a complex commercial derivative lawsuit that resulted in a multi-million-dollar verdict for his clients. In addition to his courtroom experience, Brian frequently achieves favorable resolutions for his clients through successful mediation and negotiated settlements.

Experience

- Experience in all phases of civil litigation, including discovery, pre-trial motion practice, and trial preparation.
- Advise and represent clients in a wide variety of commercial litigation matters, including real estate, contract, construction, shareholder, and business disputes.
- Manage all aspects of discovery, from propounding and responding to written discovery, managing extensive document productions, and preparing for, defending, and taking depositions.
- Represent clients in numerous mediations to resolve construction contract disputes, fraud claims, and real property disputes.

Professional & Community Service

- Sacramento County Bar Association, Environmental Law Section, Board of Directors, 2018-present
- California Water Law & Policy Reporter, Contributing Author

Education

- J.D., with distinction, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, 2012
- B.A., University of California at San Diego, 2007

Honors & Rankings

- *Super Lawyers*, Northern California Rising Star, Energy & Natural Resources, 2018-2019
- Clerkship, Justice Ron D. Parraguirre, Supreme Court of Nevada, 2012- 2014
- Externship, Honorable Kimberly J. Mueller, United States District Court, Eastern District of California, 2011
- *University of the Pacific Law Review*, Editor-in-Chief
- Outstanding Student Achievement Award, Day Division, 2012
- Traynor Honor Society