

TODD C. TORAL, Partner

Clients turn to Todd Toral when the stakes are high and the facts complex. His trial and investigation experience cuts across industries, practice areas and international borders, giving him a broad perspective that helps him anticipate and address issues before they arise and gives him insight into how best to efficiently resolve disputes that cannot be avoided.

Mr. Toral is often consulted to resolve disputes before they escalate to litigation, arbitration or other adversarial proceedings, often saving the time and money such proceedings require. In the event contested proceedings are unavoidable, Mr. Toral provides clients with precise solutions and vigorous, ethical advocacy.

Mr. Toral focuses his practice generally on matters in the financial services, insurance, entertainment, real estate and private equity spheres. His matters often concern pass-through entities or other joint venture arrangements involving breach of contract, business tort, unfair business practices, insolvency, insurance recovery, and domestic and foreign tax disputes.

He has handled numerous matters in state, federal and administrative courts throughout the United States, and in arbitral forums globally involving complex real estate, entertainment, insurance and re-insurance, trademark, tax, unfair trade practices, industrial project development, banking, port operations, commercial aircraft, passenger and freight railroads, beverage distribution, and film production and distribution, among other economic sectors.

Mr. Toral also has significant bankruptcy litigation and restructuring experience. He has represented real estate and private equity funds, financial service providers, international port operators, receivers and trustees in numerous insolvency proceedings. Mr. Toral served as debtor's counsel to a Bermuda re-insurance company, represented investors in the Stanford "Ponzi" scheme case, acted as receiver's counsel in the largest real estate receivership in San Francisco history, and served as receiver's counsel over the assets of one of the largest privately-held broadcasting companies in the United States.

Mr. Toral is actively engaged in the community, serving as a member of the Board of Directors of Bet Tzedek, a public interest law firm in Los Angeles. He is also a former board member for Crystal Stairs, Inc., an enterprise organized to improve the lives of low-income families in Los Angeles through child care services, research and advocacy.

Mr. Toral also maintains an active pro bono practice. As a former infantry officer in the US Marine Corps, Mr. Toral is dedicated to serving veterans. He has served as an appellate panelist for the Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program, represented the American Legion and Swords to Plowshares in disputes with the City and County of San Francisco concerning the San Francisco War Memorial Opera House, and participated in Ironman distance endurance events to raise money and awareness for the Semper Fi Fund and RWB.org. He currently represents the International Rescue Committee in a broad range of matters helping to save conflict refugee families in crisis. At the same time, Mr. Toral has served as an observer of and represented certain interests in the trials



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PRACTICE GROUPS

Bankruptcy Litigation
Complex Commercial Litigation
Financial Services Litigation
FinTech
Insurance Recovery and Counseling
Japan Practice
Real Estate
Real Estate Litigation and Counseling
Restructuring and Bankruptcy
Sports and Gaming
Tax Practice

INDUSTRY GROUPS

FinTech
Hospitality

EDUCATION

University of San Francisco School of Law,
JD; Editor, *Maritime Law Journal*

New York University School of Law, LLM in
Tax Law

San Jose State University, BA

ADMISSIONS

California

District of Columbia

New York

COURT ADMISSIONS

US Court of Appeals, DC Circuit

US District Court, District of Columbia

US Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

US District Court, Central District of
California

of certain high-value detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Mr. Toral earned his JD from the University of San Francisco School of Law, where he was the managing director of the Moot Court Board and an editor for the *Maritime Law Journal*. He also received his LLM from NYU School of Law, and is currently studying for a Masters in International Relations at Harvard. He served as an extern for California Supreme Court Associate Justice Ming Chin and US Bankruptcy Court Judge Randall Newsome.

Awards

- Jenner & Block Mentorship Award, 2020
- *Los Angeles Business Journal*
Leaders of Influence: Litigators and Trial Lawyers, 2020
- Albert E. Jenner Pro Bono Award, 2019
- *National Law Journal*
Cryptocurrency Trailblazer, 2018
- *Legal 500 US*
Industry Focus - Insurance - Advice to Policyholders, 2018
- *Corporate International Awards*
Cross Border Litigation Lawyer of the Year in California, 2017

Community

- Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program
Appellate Panelist
- Crystal Stairs
Former Member, Board of Directors
- Bet Tzedek
Member, Board of Directors

Service to the Bar

- American Bar Foundation
Fellow
- American Bar Association International Law Section
Vice Chair, Year-In-Review; International Arbitration Committee, 2020-2021
Member, 2021 Outstanding International Corporate Counsel Award
Committee
Member, 2020 Los Angeles Conference Planning Committee
- American Society of International Law
Member

US District Court, Northern District of California

US District Court, Southern District of California

US District Court, Eastern District of California

US Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

US District Court, Southern District of New York

US District Court, Eastern District of New York

US District Court, Northern District of New York

US District Court, Western District of New York

US Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

US Tax Court

US Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims

Publications

- Co-Editor, "The Year in Review: International Arbitration" ABA International Law Section, Volume 55, September 14, 2021
- Co-Author, Client Alert: Recent Rulings in COVID-19-Related Lease Disputes, April 5, 2021
- Co-Author, Client Alert: Real Estate Litigation and Counseling Newsletter - March 2021, March 1, 2021
- Co-Author, "A Step-by-Step Guide to Addressing Corporate Data Privacy and Security (Part 3)," *Inside Counsel*, May 14, 2014
- Co-Author, "A Step-By-Step Guide to Addressing Corporate Data Privacy and Security (Part 2)," *Inside Counsel*, April 15, 2014
- Co-Author, "A Step-By-Step Guide to Addressing Corporate Data Privacy and Security (Part 1)," *Inside Counsel*, April 2, 2014
- "Unsettled Cybersecurity Laws Puzzle Companies," *Daily Journal*, December 20, 2013

Speaking Engagements

- Presenter, "Foreign Corrupt Practices Act & Bribery Act," Southern Africa Training Academy, June 11, 2014