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In the civil arena, David’s practice is both international and varied; he has represented numerous businesses and financial institutions in federal and state courts throughout the country. He served as lead counsel for an international law firm facing allegations arising out of its defense of a client that operated a Ponzi scheme. After granting in its entirety a motion to dismiss, the Los Angeles Superior Court Judge stated that David’s client was “fully entitled to hire the A-team and get a great service as they did. I’ve never used the word “superb” before in a fee motion and I don’t know if I’ll ever use it again, but [your] work was certainly superb.”

In recent years, David served as lead counsel for a German-based manufacturer of wind turbines in multiple international arbitrations involving allegations of design defects and fraudulent inducement. His white collar practice is similarly diverse. He currently serves as lead counsel for a partner of an international law firm facing conflict of

interest charges, and recently negotiated a deferred prosecution agreement in a food contamination case for an international restaurant chain.

He is a member of the firm's Executive Committee and recently completed his term as president of the Chancery Club, a group of lawyers and judges that was founded in 1925.

Key Matters

Some of the experience represented below may have been handled at a previous firm.

- Defense verdict after a federal court trial in Fresno on behalf of a major beverage manufacturer charged with breach of a licensing agreement
- Successful defense of a major supplier of medical equipment in an injunctive action, leading to swift dismissal of the action
- Successful defense at trial of a national investment real estate firm accused of intentional interference with contractual relations
- Successful defense at trial of a prominent law firm in a legal malpractice action
- Representation of a Fortune 20 telecommunications firm in a variety of actions
- Successful representation of a defense contractor in a False Claims Act (FCA) case involving the National Missile Defense Program
- Representation of an international architectural firm in a multimillion-dollar uninsured FCA case resulting in a nuisance value settlement on the eve of trial
- Successful representation of a Midwest bank in a RICO case
- Negotiation of multi-million dollar severance packages for high-level executives at a closely held corporation
- Multiple representations of individuals and companies in securities and antitrust litigation

Recognitions

- Recognized in *Los Angeles Magazine* as a "Top Attorney in Southern California," Feb. 2024
- Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Criminal Defense: White-Collar, 2023–2024
- Recognized in *Lawdragon's* "500 Leading Litigators in America" for Complex Business Litigation, White Collar, and Investigations; 2023
- Recognized in *Lawdragon's* "500 Leading Litigators in America" for Complex Business Litigation, White Collar, Investigations, and Trials; 2024
- Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers
- Band 1 ranking by *Chambers USA in California*, Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations
- Recommended in *Who's Who Legal* as a "Global Leader" for Business Crime Defence and Investigations in 2022
- Listed in *International Who's Who of Business Lawyers*
- *Super Lawyers*: Southern California

Credentials

EDUCATION

David received a J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Notre Dame Law School in 1985 and was a member of the National Moot Court Appellate Team. He received an A.B. in history from Harvard College in 1980, where he was the center on the football team and the voice of Harvard basketball on the student radio station.

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- California

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