

David C. Grant, Founding Partner



It was during his first year of law school that David C. Grant became smitten with litigation. The wide array of business issues and practice areas that intersect litigation became a magnet for David who saw endless possibilities to learn about various areas of the law.

After graduation, David joined the well-known Los Angeles firm of Hill, Farrer & Burrill. He quickly began trying cases representing national corporations, entrepreneurs and high profile individuals. As a key step to his matriculation to Newport Beach, he later joined the law firm of Allen Matkins where he practiced for over a decade honing and refining his trial and dispute resolution skills, with a particular emphasis in complex real estate and business disputes.

In 1990 David left to start his own firm ultimately joining with Jim Baratta and Michael Genovese to form Grant, Genovese & Baratta in 1999. The three partners came together with common values and principles focused on client-first service. Ongoing and proactive communication with clients are a mainstay of the firm's principles.

With 42 years of successful experience, over 120 jury and court trials, and over 30 binding arbitration awards, David continues to simplify the complex to resolve the most difficult cases. And as a Fellow in the esteemed American College of Trial Lawyers, which is only awarded to the top 1% of attorneys in the nation, and an Associate in the distinguished American Board of Trial Advocates, David's experience and credentials speak for themselves.

EDUCATION

J.D., 1972, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, cum laude

Editor-in-Chief, Loyola Law Review

A.B., 1969, Colgate University

HONORS, MEMBERSHIPS, ADMISSIONS

State Bar of California

U.S. Tax Court

Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers

Associate, American Board of Trial Advocates

AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rate, Martindale-Hubbell

2006 – 2014, Southern California Super Lawyers including

Top 50 Lawyers in Orange County

St. Thomas More Law Honor Society, Loyola Law School

Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Society, Loyola Law School

SPEAKING AND PUBLISHING

1976, Moderator, CEB Program on Provisional Remedies,

1979, 1981, Panelist, CEB Program on Real Estate Broker Practice

1985, 1987, 1989, Panelist, CEB Program on Civil Trial Practice

1989, Panelist CEB Real Property Institute Program

1989, Moderator, CEB Program on Construction Law, Contracts and Disputes

1991, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2005-2010 Moderator, CEB Program on Real Property Remedies

PARTIAL TRIAL COMPENDIUM

Los Angeles Superior Court: Approximately 22 jury verdicts and 5 court judgments. Cases involving: Breach of Contract, Trade Secret Misappropriation, Fraud, Breach of Fiduciary Obligations, Fraudulent Conveyance, Eminent Domain, Inverse Condemnation.

United States District Court, Central District: 1 jury verdict and 1 court judgment. Cases involving: Class Discrimination Claims, Fraud and Breach of Contract.

Orange County Superior Court: Approximately 20 jury verdicts (including defense verdict in class action limited partnership dispute). Approximately 15 court judgments and successful defense before trial of statewide class action limited partnership investment fraud action. Cases involving: Class Action Defense, Breach of Contract, Recovery of damages and punitive damages in a Ponzi Scheme, Pursuit of Athlete Agents Fees and Defense of Counterclaims, Fraud, Alter Ego, Breach of Fiduciary Obligations, Business Torts, Punitive Damages, Class Wide Residential Ground Lease Dispute, Unfair Competition, Fraudulent Conveyance.

San Diego Superior Court: 2 Verdicts and 1 phase one court judgment. Cases involving: Fraud; Breach of Fiduciary Obligation, Breach of Contract, Construction Defect.

San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura & Santa Barbara Superior Courts: Approximately 6 verdicts and 5 court judgments. Cases involving: Breach of Contract, Declaratory Relief, Fraud, Defamation, Interference, Partition Residential/Commercial Construction Defect.

Bakersfield Superior Court: 1 Court judgment. Case involving: Shopping Center, CC&Rs Dispute.

Texas Superior Court (Lubbock and Texarkana): 1 Jury defense verdict and 1 court defense judgment. Cases involving: Breach of Contract, Fraud.

RECENT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Recovery of Over \$12.0 Million in damages (including punitive) – via jury verdict – 55 days of trial – on behalf of a group of 89 elderly investors in a Ponzi/fraud case against a hard money lender and its principal.

Most recently, a 2015 complete successful defense via the trial court's Statement of Decision in a 40-day trial of a complex trade secret, fraud and insurance fraud brought by a bounty-hunter – the risk exposure was well over \$100,000,000.

Successful defense of 300+ homeowner's multi-million dollar claim against developer in a mixed-use Newport Beach development (2 phases: court and jury).

TESTIMONIALS

After a successful defense of a lengthy and complex real estate and fraud trial in Santa Barbara Superior Court, a senior and highly respected judge recognized David Grant's expertise as a top-notch trial lawyer: *"You're one of the best lawyers. I want to tell you that your style and knowledge of scholarship was wonderful, and you should know that. We get lawyers here from all over the state all the time. Our cases are filled with out-of-town lawyers, and from big cities and big firms, and, you know, you're right up there at the top of them. I really appreciated your courtesy during the trial."*