

## Gordon G. May, Partner

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Gordon May is an expert business and real estate litigator with a stellar track record in cases that go to trial. Gordon's practice is focused on the representation of businesses, ownership and management in any issue that may arise in the operation of the business.

Gordon devotes a substantial portion of his practice to the representation of real estate developers, brokers and commercial landlords, and has successfully prosecuted hundreds of commercial unlawful detainer cases. Prior to the practice of law he obtained a degree in economics, with honors, and uses that fundamental background to analyze every case from the position of the business ownership.

Gordon has been a partner with the firm since 1999, and was one of David Grant's first hires when the firm was founded. During law school he was honored with the American Jurisprudence Award in Trial Advocacy and worked with the Federal Trade Commission performing legal and economic analysis of proposed mergers.

### EDUCATION

Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, California

*Juris Doctor, 1993*

*American Jurisprudence Award in Trial Advocacy*

*Federal Trade Commission Extern*

Pepperdine University, Malibu, California

*Bachelor of Arts in Economics, cum laude and Dean's honors, 1990*

### ADMISSIONS

State Bar of California

State Bar of Colorado

All California Federal Court Districts

### REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Obtained a complete defense ruling for a landlord sued by a tenant seeking approximately \$1,000,000 in claw back of previously paid rent and future rent reductions. After prevailing for the landlord, the Judge awarded the landlord its attorneys' fees, costs of suit and expert fees.

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Obtained a complete defense ruling for a landlord sued by a tenant seeking over \$2,000,000 in damages alleging it was fraudulently induced to enter into a commercial lease. The Court entered judgment for the landlord on landlord's motion at the conclusion of tenant's case, followed by a judgment in favor of the landlord on its cross-complaint for over \$800,000 in unpaid rent, attorneys' fees and costs of suit.

## **REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS (continued)**

Obtained a complete defense judgment for a seller of real estate sued by a buyer alleging fraudulent non-disclosure and breach of contract in connection with the sale. After prevailing for the seller, the Judge awarded the seller its attorneys' fees and costs of suit.

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Obtained summary defense judgment in favor of a real estate brokerage firm accused of fraud in connection with the sale of investment property.

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Obtained summary defense judgment in favor of commercial engineering and remediation firm accused of conspiring to wrongfully terminate employment.

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Obtained an order compelling the County Assessor to reduce the assessed value of a commercial resort acquired by his clients by approximately \$10,000,000.

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In tandem with his partner David Grant, obtained a defense verdict for a corporation and its CEO accused of making a fraudulent claim on the corporation's Directors and Officers insurance policy in connection with a lawsuit alleging theft of trade secrets relating to the development of the first microchips used for DNA analysis. The plaintiff sought damages in excess of \$100,000,000. After a three month bench trial and extensive post-trial briefing, the Court recently issued its findings of fact in favor of the corporation and its CEO, specifically finding they had no intent to defraud and have no liability.