

## Aaron A. Kupchella, Associate

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As a strategist and an advocate, Aaron A. Kupchella treats clients' issues and concerns as if they were his own, working tirelessly to ensure the best possible outcome. Since admission to practice in 2012, Aaron has handled a wide range of business disputes in state and federal courts, particularly in the area of intellectual property.

In his first year of practice, Aaron successfully tried a breach of contract case, obtaining a favorable award and money judgment.

Aaron joined Grant, Genovese & Baratta in 2014.

He practices in the business and real estate litigation group.

### EDUCATION

J.D., 2012, University of California Los Angeles School of Law, Los Angeles, California. (U.S. District Court Externship, Pacific Basin Law Journal, Moot Court.)

B.A. World History, Minor in Asian Studies, 2004, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan

### LANGUAGES

English

Mandarin (fluent speaker)

### ADMISSIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of California

U.S. District Court, Central District of California

Orange County Bar Association

### ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

Toward a First Amendment Theory of Tattooing, 49 CRIM. L. BULL. 82 (2013)

### CASE STUDIES

Aaron was part of the legal team that obtained a preliminary injunction in federal court on behalf of an environmental clean-up company that enjoined the company's former sales associates from using valuable stolen trade secrets. The case settled favorably before trial.

In a case involving a business owner, who had lost majority control of a business he founded, Aaron worked under extreme time pressure in order to successfully obtain a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction against the majority interest holder due to an apparent misappropriation of corporate funds. When the corporation's board subsequently deadlocked, Aaron persuaded the court to appoint a provisional director to the corporation's board, which ultimately led to a settlement whereby the client regained control of his company.

Aaron successfully tried an arbitration for breach of contract, and based on the arbitrator's award, obtained a money judgment of over \$90,000.

Representing a secured creditor in a bankruptcy in a jurisdiction on the east coast, Aaron successfully opposed the bankruptcy trustee's motion to disregard the client's lien.

Handled prosecution and maintenance of various foreign and domestic trademarks.

Helped to advise corporations regarding preservation of trade secrets and creation and maintenance of trademark portfolios.

Assisted in private equity transactions in a family-owned business.