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Practice Areas

- Appellate
- Crisis Management
- Labor & Employment
- Litigation
- Logistics & Cargo
- Transportation

Admissions

- California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California

Education & Honors

- Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA, Bachelor of Science, cum laude, International Business, May 2002;
- Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, CA, Juris Doctor, cum laude, May 2006.

Associations

- Orange County Bar Association;
- Los Angeles County Bar Association;
- American Bar Association

Mr. Ball is a member of the firm's Labor & Employment and Litigation Practice Groups. Mr. Ball has a broad range of experience representing corporate and individual clients in claims, lawsuits and arbitration hearings involving labor and employment issues, including wage and hour disputes, age, sex, race and disability discrimination, and sexual harassment and workplace retaliation claims. Mr. Ball also has significant experience in litigation matters involving wrongful death, catastrophic personal injury, products liability, premises liability, trucking and transportation, class action litigation, commercial and business litigation, false advertising and unfair competition, toxic torts and regulatory compliance actions in both state and federal courts. Prior to joining Messner Reeves, Mr. Ball was part of a team of attorneys that served as national defense counsel in serious and high-profile investigations, claims, lawsuits, and crisis management situations pertaining to fraternal organizations throughout the United States. In that role, Mr. Ball investigated and litigated matters ranging from sexual assault to fraud and misrepresentation in California, Nevada, Colorado, Michigan, Georgia, Florida, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island.

Mr. Ball started his legal career at the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office where he was a Deputy District Attorney. While there, Mr. Ball successfully tried over 30 jury and court felony and misdemeanor trials to verdict. As a criminal prosecutor, Mr. Ball conducted hundreds of felony preliminary hearings and handled thousands of felony, misdemeanor and juvenile cases involving charges ranging from driving under the influence to murder.

Mr. Ball's wide range of experience in both the private and public sectors, in both civil and criminal litigation, provides him with a unique background and perspective to his clients that are faced with litigation. While Mr. Ball prides himself on being able to successfully litigate a matter from inception through trial, he also takes great joy in working with his clients and opposing counsel to craft creative resolutions which reduce the stress and expense of protracted litigation.

Originally hailing from Idaho, Mr. Ball enjoys spending time in the outdoors, particularly camping, snow skiing, running, golf and spending time with his wife and four young children.