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Robert Barnes, through his professional corporation, has been a partner of the firm since 1999 and heads the firm's litigation practice. Robert also serves as the firm's General Counsel.

Robert utilizes the skills and experience he has gained in almost 40 years of a broad-based business litigation practice to offer his clients the strategic counseling, risk analysis, and dispute resolution techniques necessary to address and efficiently solve complex business problems. Robert also consults on many transactional documents and matters with particular emphasis on reducing potential exposure to claims by using clear, unambiguous language and providing appropriate insurance and indemnity protections.

Robert's in-depth experience on behalf of a broad cross-section of individual and corporate clients includes trials and appeals in state and federal courts, arbitrations before national and international tribunals, hearings before administrative agencies, private mediations designed to give the parties a voice in the outcome of their dispute, preparation of employment documents and negotiation of employment contracts. His practice has included the successful resolution of disputes between business owners, such as partners or shareholders of closely held corporations; business disputes, such as contract, interference, collection, trade secret and unfair competition claims; sexual harassment, wrongful discharge and other disputes between employers and employees; net profit and contract claims in the entertainment industry; disputes arising in the course of business bankruptcies; and a broad array of disputes that arise out of the sale, acquisition, development and leasing of real estate. Robert also offers his clients day-to-day pre-dispute strategic counseling and advice regarding risk analysis and insurance matters.

Robert honed his skills during a 16-year span with Greenberg Glusker Fields Claman & Machtinger LLP in Century City, where he was an equity partner. He has participated in local bar activities and seminars and served as a small claims court judge.

Practice Areas

- General Business and Real Estate Litigation
- Labor & Employment Counseling and Litigation
- Risk Analysis

Bar Admissions

- California
- United States District Court
- United States Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit
- United States Tax Court

Education

- Juris Doctor, University of California Los Angeles
Chief Justice of the Moot Court Honors Program; Order of the Barristers Award
- Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Pitzer College

- Attended University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Recognitions

- "Southern California Super Lawyers," *Super Lawyers*®, 2006-2007

Professional Associations & Memberships

- American Bar Association – Litigation Section
- State Bar of California – Litigation Section, Labor & Employment Law Section
- Los Angeles County Bar Association – Labor & Employment Law Section
- Beverly Hills Bar Association