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Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Corporate Law; Real Estate; Government, Regulatory & Administrative Law; Litigation; White Collar & Investigations; Sports Industry Law; Family Office & Wealth Management; Alternative Lenders; Hospitality, Food and Beverage Industry Law; Social Media Influencers

Adam Bass joined Buchalter in 1993 and after 20 years with the Firm, became its current President and Chief Executive Officer in January of 2013. Under his leadership, Buchalter has experienced substantial growth with more than 430 lawyers, and opening multiple office locations in Napa Valley, Sacramento, Seattle, San Diego, Portland, Salt Lake City, and Denver.

Mr. Bass has received a number of prestigious awards, including:

- “LA500” – Most Influential People in Los Angeles, *Los Angeles Business Journal*, 2017-2023
- “Top 100 Lawyer,” *Los Angeles Business Journal*
- “Leader in the Law nominee,” *Los Angeles Business Journal*
- “Top 40 Under 40,” *Los Angeles Daily Journal*
- “LA Visionaries: CEO,” *LA Times B2b Publishing*
- “2023 State Bar of California DEI Leadership Bronze Seal designee” *Cal LAW Pathways*

Under Mr. Bass’ leadership, Buchalter has consistently received numerous recognitions, including:

- Advanced 16 spots on *The American Lawyer’s* “AmLaw 200 Survey,” as the 131st largest law firm
- Moved up 13 spots on *Law360’s* 400 largest law firms in the nation, the “Law360 400 Survey,” as the 114th largest law firm
- 100 out of 100 Score on the Human Rights Campaign Foundation’s *Corporate Equality Index*
- 100 Best Law Firms for minority attorneys and Top Firms with the Most Diverse Equity Partnership, *Law360*
- Excellence in Diversity Award, *California Lawyer Association*
- 2022-2023 Mansfield Certification by Diversity Lab

Mr. Bass’ practice includes the representation of companies of all sizes and financial institutions in both transactional and litigation matters. His experience includes, corporate, loan workouts, creditors’ rights, real property, labor relations, public contracting, and regulatory compliance at the local, state, and federal levels, as well as government procurement. For his numerous corporate clients, Mr. Bass is often called upon to manage general business matters, and he has extensive experience in all aspects of real estate including, purchase and sale agreements, receiverships, and judicial foreclosure.

As a member of the American, California, and Los Angeles County Bar Associations, Mr. Bass has also

served as an arbitrator for the Los Angeles Superior Court and worked with the Dispute Resolution Section of the Bar Association. In addition, he was a member of the committee advising the Los Angeles Superior Court on issues concerning receiverships.

Recently, Mr. Bass was appointed to the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce's CEO Council in 2021 and the Northern Regional Council of World Services Group for 2022-2023. He also serves on a number of private company Boards of Directors. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the California Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Directors of the California Mortgage Bankers Association, the American Financial Services Association, the Civil Justice Association of California, and the Residential Board of Governors of the National Mortgage Bankers Association.

Publications

- Negotiating Leases During the Pandemic: Legal Insight, *Bloomberg Law*, November 12, 2021
- 5 Great-Recession Lessons GCs Must Remember Today, *Law360*, April 30, 2020
- Quoted: California Was No Bear Market in 2017, *The American Lawyer*, May 22, 2018
- Q&A: Entering the Lateral Hiring Market, *California Lawyer*, July 27, 2016
- Quoted: The Questions You Need To Ask Before Making A Lateral Move, *Law360*, January 6, 2016

Presentations

- Speaker, "Fund and Deal Sponsors Focused on Investments," IVYFON Family Office Forum , May 3, 2023
- Speaker, "State of the California Market: What to Examine Now and in the Year Ahead," Sandpiper Partner's Annual California Legal Market Conference, February 1, 2022
- Panelist, "Arrested Development: Law Firm Strategic Planning Around Junior Partners," Thomson Reuters Institute Marketing Partner Forum, January 20, 2022
- Panelist, "Strategy, Leadership, Structure, Compensation & Governance and Talent-Retention, Inclusion, Racial Equity," Sandpiper Partner's 13th Annual Legal Market Conference 2021, December 8, 2020
- Panelist, "Reimagining the Future of the Law Firm: How Attorneys and Staff Work ," Sandpiper Partner's Virtual Conference, November 11, 2020
- Panelist, "Thirteenth Annual Global Law Firm Leaders Conference," Sandpiper Partner, October 8, 2020
- Panelist, "Mid-Market Firms: Opportunities & Challenges ," 13th Annual Los Angeles Legal Market Conference, December 5, 2019
- Speaker, "Adam J. Bass, Speaker at Citi Private Bank Law Firm Group's Legal Leaders Dialogue Conference," Citi Private Bank Law Firm Group Legal Leaders Dialogue, October 15, 2019

Education

Mr. Bass received his B.A. in History with a minor in Political Science, from the University of San Diego. In addition, he studied International Relations at the University of San Diego Graduate School and received his J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law.

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

Community

For many years, Mr. Bass has been a member of the University of San Diego School of Law Board of Visitors.

Languages

- Spanish