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Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties
Litigation

Germain Labat is a Shareholder in the Firm's Los Angeles office and a member of the Litigation practice group. Mr. Labat is an experienced trial lawyer who advises and represents companies and their executives in all manner of business and commercial disputes in state and federal courts at both the trial and appellate levels.

His national litigation practice includes complex commercial litigation, securities litigation, commercial real estate litigation, corporate governance and control disputes, suits involving non-compete agreements and other restrictive covenants, breach of fiduciary duties, intellectual property litigation, misappropriation of trade secrets, and franchise disputes.

His wide-ranging list of clients includes both public and privately held companies across various sectors, including financial services, cosmetics, healthcare, food and beverage, commercial real estate, energy, retail, and technology.

Mr. Labat is a seasoned advocate in the courtroom, having tried numerous jury and bench trials of complex and lengthy matters, including one of the longest bench trials in California history that spanned nearly 300 trial days. While Mr. Labat typically serves as defense counsel, he also has experience representing plaintiffs, having successfully obtained multimillion-dollar verdicts for his clients.

He is also experienced in conducting internal investigations, acting as counsel to special litigation committees in response to both external and internal allegations of impropriety, and counseling clients and their boards of directors on pre-litigation strategy and planning.

Awards and Honors

- "500 Most Influential People in Los Angeles," listed in the Los Angeles Business Journal, 2019-2020
- Securities – Litigation, listed in The Legal 500 United States, 2015

Professional Involvement

- Board Member of Governors, L.A.Works

Education
Mr. Labat obtained his J.D., cum laude, from Boston College Law School. During his time, he participated in the Boston College Law Review. His academic accomplishments also include the completion of his B.A. in Political Science with Honors from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
- United States District Court for the Southern District of California
- United States District Court for the Central District of California